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Traveling throughout this never-ending journey called life, who we are, and what we've done is what we'll most likely be remembered by. As we cast a shadow... on those that cross our paths, our soul existence leaves a lasting imprint, forever lingering in a space in their mind.

Somehow and someway, each one of us: in this tiny school, in this tiny town, are finding ways to make our marks on society and those around us. We are creating the memories that we will hold fast to as time disappears.

We are designing the stepping stones that will take us in any direction possible... ones that will lead us into the inevitable ... life beyond Highland High School.

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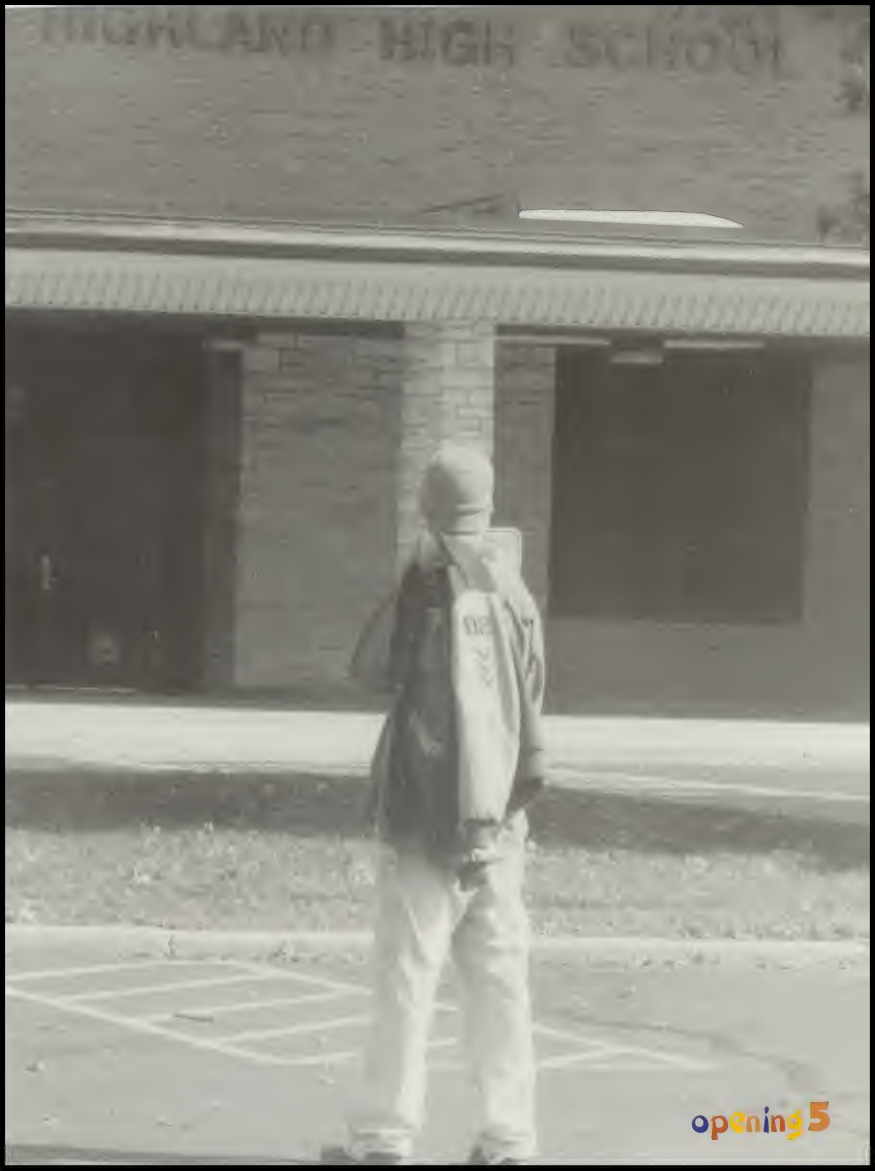
Casting a shadow... is about the impressions that we leave on people. It's about leaving something behind that others will not forget with the passing of time.

It's about breaking the school record, giving your all, standing up for what you believe in, smiling when the skies are gray, being a leader, upholding high standards, participating, helping, excelling. Giving your all, trying your best, and basically going against the "norm" that society depicts for us.

It's the actions we take now that will determine the outcome of our lives. It's the words that we speak and the things that we do that others will never forget... the shadows that we cast...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Casting a Shadow...

Student life...

definition

-STUDENT: noun, One who attends a school, college, or university. One who makes a study of something. An attentive observer.

-LIFE: noun, The physical, mental, and spiritual experience that constitutes a person's existence.

-TOGETHER, student life is basically who we are, what we're doing, and how we're doing it. Pretty much life in general. And although sometimes throughout this "high school experience" our existence may seem to be an explosion of utter chaos and possibly completely overwhelming, it can be absolutely the best days of our lives!

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Nikki & Melissa

photo by PRESTIGE

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Jon Christophersen

photo by Jeanette Hacker

You have this cow boy straight outta Texas, in his mighty fly cowboy hat.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Senior Tina Simkus is one girl who is not afraid to show her "wild side!" She has a little bit of fun at lunch, showing her friends her cool new trick! You rock girl!

Senior boys

photo by Larissa Lopez

Casting a Shadow...

Student life

Spirit Week

Super heroes

Steve Kroslack

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

"I enjoyed being Flash, and running from class to class," junior Brandon Fieldhouse said.

Marcus Mayer & Victoria Gatlin

Photo by Dave Lidarsir

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

Feasting for victory

Sophomore Georgia Cavorrous aids fellow classmate Tom Campbell in the pie eating contest. Although he "ate his heart out," the Freshmen still triumphed.

Coach Smith

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

Nick Castillo & Ryan Hall

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

Sarah Jones

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

Gina Rayson & Alex Matusik

Photo by PRESTIGE

Heather Opolski

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

Josh Drake

Photo by Dave Lubarski

Here on Bourbon St.

One of the most anticipated weeks in the school year is Homecoming. Staff and students alike were able to let loose a little and show some "blue and gold" pride! It was not unusual to walk down the halls and see The Flash, people in pajamas, and those who looked like they came right out of Bourbon Street. There was Crazy Hat Day on Monday, Mardi Gras Day on Tuesday, Super Hero Day on Wednesday, Pajama Day on Thursday, and Blue and Gold day on Friday.

"My favorite part of Spirit Week is being able to wear sweat pants and tennis shoes everyday, and incorporating them into the day's theme," said Mr. Scott Carlson.

Our crazy theme days were not the only way to show spirit...there also was the annual Homecoming Parade, bonfire, and Superstars. For the third consecutive year, the Class of 2002 won the float building contest for the parade. Then the sophomores defeated the freshmen, and the juniors overcame the seniors in the Superstars competition. Everyone showed so much enthusiasm for all the Homecoming activities, and we were able to support our team.

Ashley Kirinch
&
Nataly Carrasco

The Senior Float

Photo by Dave Lubarski

Photo by Dave Lubarski

Senior Strength

The Seniors, Class of 2002, take Superstars seriously, cheering on their guys as they win this year's tug-a-war competition.

Photo by PRESTIGE

Warmin' up

These freshmen guys are living it up at their first Homecoming bonfire of their high school careers.

Dwight Moser

Photo by Dave Lubanski

Amanda Moskalick

Photo by Dave Lubanski

HHS Football

Photo by Dave Lubanski

Mike Kincaid

Photo by Dave Lubanski

Brett Bach

Photo by Dave Lubanski

Feels Like Victory

Excitement levels were high as the Homecoming crowd waited in anticipation to cheer on their team. Both Highland and Andrean fans looked confident as their teams took the field.

The night began with Briana Meeder singing "God Bless America." Due to the nation's recent tragedies, the song was full of meaning. The National Anthem followed.

By halftime, the Trojans trailed 14-13, but Highland fans were still optimistic. Homecoming Court was announced and the King, Dwight Moser, and Queen, Adrienne Rivera, were crowned.

Although Highland tried its best, sadly, they lost 35-13 after a difficult game.

"We may have lost, but we won in spirit," junior Matthew Fledderjohann said, while senior Briana Meeder looked at things in a different light. "Even though we lost," she said, "I still enjoyed cheering on my guys."

Homecoming Court

Photo by Dave Lubanski

Jessica VeBoer
&
Amber Lemon

Photo by Dave Lubanski

Score!

Brandon Siska looks exhilarated as he prepares to pass the ball for another score for Highland. Siska was the team's starting quarteback.

Photo by Dave Lubanski

I Pledge Allegiance

Highland policemen and veterans united to salute our nation. This was just one of the many ways Highland showed its support for our nation following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

Teamwork

"Highland tried its best, and we're proud of them," sophomore Lisa Gyure said.

HHS Cheerleaders

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

Andria Shoemaker

Photo by Dave Lubarski

Dwight Moser

Photo by Dave Lubarski

Photo by Dave Lubarski

Pep Talk

Coach Brad Smith tries to inspire the offensive unit during a timeout. Smith steps down after completing his sixth season as head coach.

Adrienne Rivera & mom

Photo by Dave Lubarski

Homecoming

"This year had more of a party atmosphere, which made the rest of the night a lot more fun," junior Kyle Murphy said.

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Nick Kane, Mary Sutliff & Brandon Siska

Photo By: Dave Lubanski

Tony Marzilli

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Adrienne Rivera & Bubba Moser

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Slip into something more comfortable

This group of lovely ladies sport their favorite fashion ... the comfy kind.

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Starla, Ryan, Tiffany & Jesse

Nicole McLeish & Denise Killmer

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Valerie Haenny & Peter Hamang

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Jaime Rivas & Jason Shultz

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Diana Augustyniak

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Brianna Meeder

Photo By: Dave Lubarski

Partying New Orleans Style

Homecoming. Dressing up, socializing, and dancing the night away is what it's all about. This year's theme was "Mardi Gras," and it was a huge success. Everyone dressed to impress. Student Council spent countless hours putting this dance together. The decorations were a dazzling gold, green, and purple. Banners, balloons, and feathers masked the walls and the ceiling of the cafeteria.

"I really liked the theme, it was very colorful and creative," junior Samantha Lynch said.

Modern music was played for most of the dance, instead of the traditional oldies. "The music was so much better than the previous years. It was a lot more fun to dance to," sophomore Amber Lemon said.

Baked goods and beverages were no cost to students at the back of the cafeteria. Many, however, saved their appetites for afterwards. Students stopped by restaurants and friends' homes for some after hours entertainment. A good time was had by all. It's safe to say, this dance will be remembered for years to come.

Shelly Seitzinger
&
Katie Shurlow

Homecoming Court

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Photo By: PRESTIGE

Peek-A-Boo

Hello! Jenn Cieslak and Joanna Lamott pop out for a good time.

Photo By: PRESTIGE

The Boy Is Mine

Ladies don't fight.There is plenty of this spirited guy to go around.

Steven Mellendorf

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Lenny Friend & Roy Stoll

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Marcus Mayer

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Katie McMahon & Kevin Miller

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

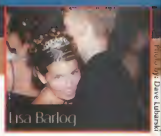
Lisa Barlog

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

This I Promise You

Bobby Lewis, King

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

On December 15, 2001, at St. George Serbian Hall, Highland High School held its annaul Turnabout event.

Outside the hall, limousines lined up as students hurried to get inside and in line for their pictures. Once pictures were out of the way, it was time to have fun.

Turnabout is always an enjoyable time. It was the second dance of the year and it's never a disappointment.

"I loved dancing with all my girls, getting down, and dressing up for my last Turnabout," senior Stefanie Bowen said.

Whether it was a fast dance with your friends or a slow song with your sweetheart, the event was very successful. Turnabout 2001 was definitely a night to remember.

Kerri Hess

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Moments in Time

Queen Megan Greene smiles as she is crowned by last year's King, Patrick Mucha. Greene said she was very surprised to be awarded the crown.

Gettin' Down

The music plays as junior Jon Kokot gets a little crazy with some of his friends.

Turnabout

"This was by far the best Turnabout ever", senior Adam Nowak said.

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Megan Greene & Bobby Lewis

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Mallory Greene

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Adam Ispas & Victoria Gatlin

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Court

Back Row: Jackie Velasco, Dave Blahnik, Megan Greene, Brian Pennington, Jenn Cieslak, James McAvoy. **Front Row:** Bobby Lewis, Victoria Gatlin, Adam Ispas, Amiee Stirling, Mike Cieslak, Joanna Lamott.

Photo by: Dave Lubarski

Chris Johansen

Relationships

"Dating is a fun way to build your social skills," sophomore Jessica DeBoer said.

photo by: Dave Lubarski

C.J. Shive and Stephanie Bowen

photo by: Dave Lubarski

Dave Blahnik & Lyndee Arnold

Photo By: Rachael Reed

Dave Lubarski & Kerri Hess

photo by: Dave Lubarski

Love Is In the Air

Junior Kyle Hawkins and freshman Stephanie Vandiver share a special moment between classes.

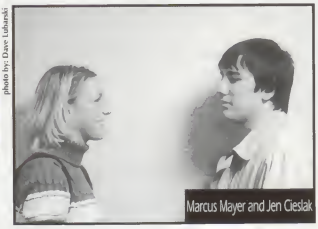

photo by: Dave Lubarski

Marcus Mayer and Jen Cieslak

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Geoff Campbell & Valerie Skaggs

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Jon Rassel & Alison Bonner

photo by: Dave Luharski

Brandon Sska & Stephanie Zimny

photo by: Dave Luharski

Josh Wadkins & Grace Murphy

Wesley Welch & Carly St. Clair

photo by: Dave Luharski

A Learning Experience

A big part of the life of a high schooler is dating. Most students are either in a serious relationship or just playing the field. Often times, couples can be seen walking down the halls hand in hand or catching a quick peck on the cheek before class.Some students, on the other hand,choose not to date at all.

Dating helps build your social skills by helping you learn to trust others and by learning to love.

"Dating is a good way to have fun and enjoy another person's company," senior Samantha Munsie said.

Although relationships are a valuable part of the high school learning experience, it seems that we think that they are more important than the classes themselves. While "social studies" are important, it is also important to realize that relationships are not only important part of the high school experience. They are simply just another experience.

Photo By: Dave Luharski

Keith Smith & Jessica Klapak

Nicole McLeish & Amber Lemon

Photo By: Dave Luharski

Common Connection

Senior Rivian Hertz and junior Alex Ross spend some time in the Commons before school.

photo by: Dave Luharski

Step Towards Romance

Seniors Bruce Bush and Carrie Martinez take a step out of the hustle and bustle of the school day to spend some time alone.

Kyle McCambridge

photo by Dave Lubarski

Mr. Marty Grubbs

photo by Dave Lubarski

Megan Greene

photo by Dave Lubarski

Megan, Maggie, & Amber

photo by Dave Lubarski

Stephanie Reed

photo by Dave Lubarski

The Talented

Highland High School is not short on talented students in any number of different activities. Who knows? But just perhaps that person who is near your locker, or maybe even in one of your classes, is a future actress or actor.

The Highland Theater Company has been a perfect outlet to release those talents and develop young potential. Audiences received a first-hand look at all of the talent Highland has to offer when the theater company hosted a variety show.

The theater company combined all its member's talents and displayed them in one show, which turned out to be a big success.

The show ranged from classical ballet to American patriotism. The performances in the variety show were very well received by those who attended. Oh, a lot of hard work was required by those who performed, but it was undoubtedly worth it. The theater company is to be congratulated on a fine show.

Highland Theater Company

photo by Dave Lubarski

Rachael Reed

Keith Anderko and Peter Huerter showed their skills with a performance full of enthusiasm and emotion.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Future music sensation Greg McKnight impressed his audience with a song, which he had written himself.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Showtime

"Since this was the first variety show, it introduced a lot of new people to theater." – Jessica DeBoer

Josh Drake

photo by Dave Lubarski

Matthew and J.J

photo by Dave Lubarski

Jacob Van Sickle

photo by Dave Lubarski

photo by Dave Lubarski

The Highland Theater Company rolled up its sleeves – and pants – for an old-time performance.

Jason Stanley

photo by Dave Lubarski

Matthew Prather

photo by Mindy Kuiper

Josh Drake

photo by Dave Lubarski

Bill Bartlett

photo by Mindy Kuiper

Adam Salinas

photo by Dave Lubarski

Briana Meeder

photo by Dave Lubarski

Being the 'real' you

Expression is a form of showing people the real you. People can express themselves by their beliefs, actions, words, or appearances. Expressing yourself might also involve your reactions to different situations. It's how you show your true feelings. Whether it's happiness, anger, confusion, or embarrassment, your feelings should be a reflection of who you really are.

"I throw a ball at a wall to get out my anger," freshman Gregg Kraly said.

Expression can also be shown by what you do. Drama, choir, poetry, and dance are just few of the many ways to show your individuality.

"The arts are what really let me express myself," sophomore Ashley Dillard said.

High school is a time where you can develop your own style. There are people who take this to the extreme, while others just follow the flow. But really, it's the people who show their true colors that make high school a more vibrant place.

Mindy Kuiper

Danielle Patton

photo by Mindy Kuiper

photo by Mindy Kuiper

Got Prayer?

Senior Stephanie Kraly and sophomore Ellie Hansotte express their beliefs by demonstrating the importance of prayer.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Holy Cow!

Junior Kyle McCambridge and senior Jacob Van Sickle performed a skit of puns about the cow business in the Fall Variety Show.

True Colors

"The best way to express yourself is to be yourself." – Jon Arredondo

Jackie Renfrow

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Adam White

photo by Mindy Kuiper

Frank Gorczyca

photo by Dave Lubanski

photo by Dave Lubanski

Watch out Picasso!

Seniors Jason Shultz and Adam Ispas show off their natural flair for drawing in art class. Drawing is one of many ways to express your true emotions.

Deanna Bush

photo by Mindy Kuiper

Jason Stanely & Josh Drake

Rock On!!!!

Tim The Mailman

Jason Stanley

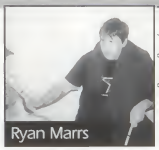
Ryan Marrs

photo by Greg McKnight

Rock 'N Roll High School

There are some students who seek a different thrill than participating in a club or a sport. Instead, they find enjoyment by starting a band. There have been many area bands involving Highland students, and like the music, rock 'n roll has underwent many changes through the years.

"Its like the light in our eyes, it just feels good," said senior Todd Miller, who is the bass player for Northwest Indiana's The Evaluation.

Starting a band is a long and grueling process, from finding people that want to do the same thing as you, to writing your own music. Once all this is accomplished, it is time to get your band known to the public, play shows, and record your music.

Just don't think that being in a band is all fun and no work; it's work made to be fun. You make music you like and you have the opportunity play it for people who like your music. Being in a band provides a creative outlet for everybody involved. Some Highland bands include: O So E-Z, The Evaluation, tim the mail man (RIP), and no.6.

Greg McKnight

Dave Lubarski

photo by Larissa Lopez

Practice Makes Perfect

Josh Drake is hard at work practicing his set for the next show.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Talking it out

The kids from O So E-Z work out a minor problem in their set. Step one to a good band with good friends is communication, because without it, a practice would be total chaos.

Bands

photo by Dave Lubarski

Matt Lambert

photo by Dave Lubarski

Rich Hoekstra

photo by Dave Lubarski

Alex Ross

Tim The Mailman

Brad Hoekstra, drummer of the now disbanded Tim The Mailman, takes a relaxing ride on Steve Eaton's shoulders after a rockin' show in Lansing.

photo by Larissa Lopez

Dave Lubarski & Todd Miller

Our Creative... Side!

Many students express themselves through poetry and art. While some students write or draw for fun, others take it more seriously, hoping to someday pursue a career in that field. Drawing or writing, some might say, provides a sense of tranquility and freedom. A school organization like National Art Honor Society, or classes like the Shield, or The Link, give students an opportunity to express themselves in different ways.

Nataly Carrasco

By: Junior Laura Timko

Your Decision, Our Future

Broken hearts all around, as we place you in the ground
wondering why this day, would mean we had to place
you faraway.
Hoping this was all a dream, and that we'd wake up
soon.
But as this painful day went on , we realized this dream
was true.
Now we sit here wondering why, you thought was bad
enough to want to die.
Was it your family life, maybe even guys, or could it have
been us?
We will never know, since you hide all your pain away.
We wish you would've opened up, and let us in your
heart.
Instead you locked everything away, and tore us apart.
Lingering thoughts fill our minds, as we run out of precious
time.
It's to say our good-byes to our best friend, that we
would have to leave behind.

By: Senior Diana Augustyniak

It's Black and White
A photograph of black and white will show
A fleeting moment snapped for all to see,
A wondrous time that one would
never know
Except a picture proving to be.
The eyes in faces ravaged cold by war,
A mother crying out to save her son,
A baby taking steps on shiny floor;
The pictures showing things forever done.
An airplane crashing into towers tall,
A hobo pushing cart so listlessly,
A player reaching high to catch the ball,
These pictures stopped in time eternally.
In photographs for all to see of life
A time of joy, of wonderment, or strife.
By: Junior Jeanette Hacker

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Today was to be a normal day
I didn't know it would end this way

I didn't decide where I would be
When I was told of this tragedy

" A terrorist attack took place today.
There is mass destruction."
Is what I heard them say.

At first I thought that it was a lie.
But it was true and the death toll was high.

I watched the news...
I can't believe my ears.
It's too hard to hold back tears.

My country that has so much power,
Today was reduced to a wilting flower.

On every channel there is unrest.
This will be America's greatest test.

People were crushed when the buildings fell.
It was a scene straight from hell.

In a moment the scene I see,
Steals my innocence right out of me.

Put in a position to grow up too fast.
Everything else seems a figment of the past.

I see kids playing, as a tear drops on my hand,
Today they're too young and won't understand.

But what about the children who will wake up and say...
"Daddy, didn't Mommy come home today?"

The anger that I feel inside cannot be described
Or just set aside.

I am now and forever changed by the acts
Evil has engaged.

So much devastation, I just can't comprehend.
When will this nightmare come to an end.

But even though the damage is done.
Those evil cowards have not won.

America is stronger and will prevail.
Our motto of freedom will never fail.

It was buildings that were shaken,
But our American pride will never be taken.

And for what happened at this fray,
Someone will pay very dearly someday.

Now all Americans will band together.
To show the world we're stronger than ever.

There are many thoughts about what happened today.
But there are three things that I will say.

"These events will go down in history, be remembered,
And live in infamy."

I ask you now to show you care
by kneeling down and saying a prayer.

We will get through this, and rise again someday.
Because we live in the beautiful U.S. of A.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

By: Junior Georgia Cavvouras

By: Senior Tiffany West

As you sit in silence wondering why
I'll be your shoulder to cry on until your tears run dry
When you've been hurt and can't believe what they've done if you need someone to talk to
I'll be the one
if a close friend hurts you and you don't understand
remember I'm here
I'll lend a helping hand
burdens are lighter when carrying by two
I'm here for you
By: Senior Renee Holland

Spinning through life, headed clockwise. i sing the song of the merry-go-round, i go the way of many.
I am the dough who's fate was a cookie. no choice in the matter, just happened that way. the fate of many.
Spinning through life, my heart remains numb from movie like re-runs. words i've heard, thoughts i've had ... pain i've felt. the novacaine fading slowly. as i step off the merry-go-round, my soul embraces my God the weight released, headed clockwise no more.
BY: Senior Larissa Lopez

By: Senior Corrine Jayne

Mr. Grubbs

Mrs. Rivera

Mr. Flutka

Mr. Huppenthal

Mr. Depta

Devotion to teaching

Teachers have a lot of responsibility. They are in charge of imparting knowledge to students, and, in doing so, they have the difficult task of helping students acquire the learning skills which will help them in their future.

This year Highland High School is losing three of its prized treasures. After numerous years of teaching, high school teachers Mr. Darrow, Mr. Dowdy, and Mr. Farley retired after many, many years of service to the School Town of Highland. Each of them has left a lasting imprint on Highland students that will not be forgotten.

Ms. Wilson

Nataly Carrasco
&
Rachael Reed

Mr. Darrow said: "Teaching for 33 years was an awesome, exciting, and challenging experience."

Mr. Dowdy has been teaching at Highland for 30 years. "I will miss my students and the administration a lot. My years of teaching went quickly, but I'm looking foward to the new chapter in my life."

Teachers

"The teachers at this school make high school a memorable experience." - Joe Stankovich

Mr. Carlson

photo by PRESTIGE

Mr. Huber

photo by PRESTIGE

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Mr. Edwards

Mr. Farley and Yoda say goodbye to Highland High after 41 years. Mr. Farley's dedication was recognized by the administration, which presented him the Certified Employee of the Year Award.

Coach Smith

photo by PRESTIGE

Josh Hamstra

photo by Dave Lubarski

Julie Kotynski

photo by Dave Lubarski

Molly Donner

Jamine Steel

photo by Dave Lubarski

photo by Dave Lubarski

Brett Bach

Keeping the Faith

The suject of religion has been – and will always be – a touchy subject in school. The identity of a few youth groups, involving Highland students, do exist such as, *Monday Night* and *The Revolution*. The Hamstra family in Highland, as well as Suburban Bible Church also host youth groups.

"Revolution is a time for teenagers to be challenged spiritually and build their relationship with God," said Forrest Wilson, Youth Pastor of Suburban Bible Church.

Stephanie Kraly leads a prayer group every Thursday before school in the Nurse's Office. Mrs. Gavranic, HHS nurse, sponsors the group.

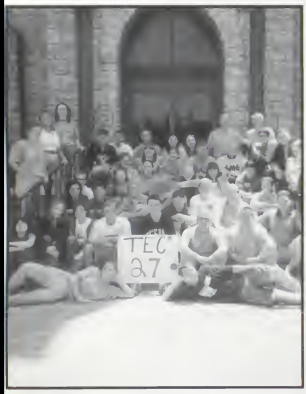
The big school event for prayer was "See You at the Pole," where students nationwide meet before school at the flag pole to pray for the school year and fellow students. The Diocese of Gary hosts TAPT and TEC, which are similar prayer meeting groups.

"They are great ways to get in touch with your faith and good ways to help you deal with problems in your life," HHS student Bruce Bush said.

Jon Christophersen

Mallory Greene

photo by Dave Lubarski



TEC 27

Jason Stanley went on a retreat to learn about God. He went with several Highland students, including Erik Angyus and Matt Cable.

Talking to God

Stephanie Kraly leads a prayer meeting for the high school every Thursday in the Nurse's Office. Mrs. Gavranic, HHS nurse, sponsors the meetings.

Religion

"If I tell you something that you don't agree with, don't go by what I say, but ask yourself 'what does the Bible say?' " - Emmanuel Thomas

Bruce Bush

Emmanuel Thomas

Nichole Breslin

WWJD

High school students gather to study the Bible to learn "what would Jesus do." The retreats with youth groups are the highlights of the year.

TAPT XIII

Jessica Singleton

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Kreg Miller

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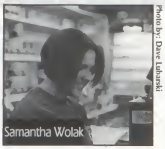
Samantha Wolak

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Starla Morris

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Megan Green & Stephanie Bowen

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MONEY! MONEY!

Between dances, games, and dates, the money situation gets a little difficult. Even though we do not always like our high school jobs, these are the times they come in handy.

Having a job is a big responsibility while in high school. It gives high school students a sense of independence and prepares us for the future. Before going out into the so called "big world" on our own, we start to learn how and why to save money. If our money is spent, it is done wisely.

It is not always easy asking your parents for some cash to go out and have some fun. Instead, students enjoy relying on themselves, and by doing so, they avoid the temptation to fall back on their parents all the time.

Even though high school students complain all the time about having a job, deep down, it is not so bad. Money is an important issue to high school students these days.

Kerri Hess

Jason Stanley

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Fun At Work

Senior Clayton Savage and junior Alex Ross have had quite a lot of fun working at Dairy Queen.

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Just Like The Movies

Senior Maureen Maves has been working at Blockbuster Video for more than a year. It has been an action-packed experience.

Cash Flow

Karen Jelski

Photo by: Dave Luhanski

Heather Opolski & Erin Lewis

Photo by: Dave Luhanski

"I like to make ice cream!" - Chris Castillo

Greg McKnight

Photo by: Dave Luhanski

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Mr. Clean

Senior Adam Ispas is hard at work scrubbing down cars at Easy Clean Car Wash before they go through the big one.

Jackie Klein

Photo by: Dave Luhanski

STYLIN'

"I like the faded jeans guys are wearing," junior Dana Wilkins said.

Aimee Stirling

photo by Danielle Pisilli

Joanna Seiner & Sheri Foust

photo by Danielle Pisilli

Joey Peres

photo by Danielle Pisilli

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What Time is It???

A few seniors express themselves by wearing their favorite watches. Is that a rolex? Nonetheless, they are all telling time in style!

Chris Johansen

photo by Danielle Pisilli

Dana Wilkins

photo by Danielle Pistilli

Brian Miller & Todd Miller

photo by Dave Lubarski

Dianna Carrasco

photo by Larissa Lovecz

Nate Cline

photo by Dave Lubarski

Corrine Jayne

photo by Dave Lubarski

Dressed for success

As you walk down the halls of Highland High School, you will recognize many different styles. Whether it is name -brand or hand-made, everyone has their own unique way of expressing themselves.

When you're old and gray and can't remember what you wore yesterday, you will remember what you wore in high school.

"I'll never forget wearing my favorite cozy sweater in my freezing cold classes," senior Andie Gergely said.

While some of them are wearing top of the line clothes from head to toe, others choose to express themselves by sporting their favorite tye-dye shirts, or just rolling out of bed and coming here.

So no matter how we dress, in one way or another, we are all students of Highland High School.

Stevan Todorcevic

photo by Danielle Pistilli

Alycia Smith
&
Danielle Pistilli

photo by Danielle Pistilli

Is that a record???

Senior Andie Gergely lets her long hair down in class one day. Long hair for girls and guys is definitely a trend this year!

photo by Danielle Pistilli

Striking a pose

Katelyn Rodgers shows off her own, unique style.

Bobby Lewis & Sam Porter

photo by Dave Lubarski

Danielle Bennett & Kara Van Prooyen

photo by Sarah Gunnison

Jamie Turkevich & David Wolak

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Monica Mroz & Alycia Smith

photo by Larissa Lopez

Mindy Kuiper & Ashley Dillard

photo by Dave Lubarski

Special Moments

What do you think of when you think of your friends? Funny stories, late nights, talking about your new crush, or just hanging out and being able to be silly with them. Those are the things you will remember when you think back to high school and recall the friendships that you have established here.

A friend is someone you will never forget, even when they aren't around. These are the people who you know you can count on no matter what the situation is.

"You need friends to get you through the day," senior Adam Nowak said, "because the lunchroom does not have tables for one."

Without friends, life would be tough. Who else would you go to with all your problems? An acquaintance will fade away, but a true friendship will never die.

Kerri Hess

Ashley Kirinch & Dianna Carrasco

photo by Larissa Lopez

photo by Katie Shurlow

Girls just want to have fun... at Overtime Dances. Juniors Andi Allen, Maritza Cordova, and Natalie Litera dance the night away.

Sophomores Liz Tabernacki, Sophie Rivera, and Stefanie Lopez share a relaxing meal on there exciting Spring Break trip to Florida.

Friends

"Friends help you get through the tough times," junior Lexi Gober said.

Senior guys

photo by Dave Lubarski

English Tech Prep

Aimee Stirling & Veronica Lyon

photo by Dave Lubarski

photo by PRESTIGE

The Junior girls love to get dressed up for school dances. They have fun no matter who they are with. The pictures are the best memories they have.

Janna Scheeringa & Sheena Weaver

photo by Jeanette Hacker

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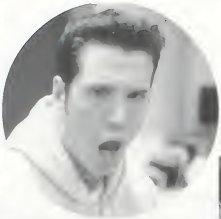
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HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

Everyday we see people that we don't know. Walking through the halls we see hundreds of faces of our fellow classmates, but do any of us really know about them? Well, here's your chance to perhaps get to know just some of those students.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, let's hope so! These pictures represent just some of the students who no longer will remain anonymous.. So here's a closer look at some of the fascinating people that you might not know!

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MISSING IN ACTION

LAYOUT DESIGN & PHOTOS BY: KATIE SHURLOW

photo by Katie Shurlow

DANIELLE PISTILLI

PROFILE:
Age-18
Grade-12th
Likes-shopping, working at Aurrelio's, & hanging out with boyfriend Russ
Dislikes-School lunch, homework, & bossy people
Activities-yearbook

photo by Katie Shurlow

JORGE CLAYBURN

PROFILE:
Age-19
Grade-12th
Likes-certain magazines & grass
Dislikes-being asked questions by underclassmen
Activities-none

photo by Katie Shurlow

BLANCA CALDERON

PROFILE:
Age-18
Grade-11th
Likes-talking on the phone, hanging out with my boyfriend, shopping, & tanning.
Dislikes-when people do things just to fit in, & people who don't tell the truth.
Activities-track, basketball, & volleyball

photo by Katie Shurlow

JIM CASEY

PROFILE:
Age-18
Grade-12th
Likes-sports, summer, & watching TV
Dislikes-homework & slow drivers
Activities-football

photo by Katie Shurlow

RACHAEL REED

PROFILE:
Age-16
Grade-11th
Likes-driving, exercising, eating healthy, & going to the movies
Dislikes-mean people, eating excessive amounts of meat, & conversations about theater
Activities-tennis, track, TREND, Natural Helper, Snowflake, & yearbook

photo by Katie Shurlow

KEITH ANDERKO

PROFILE:
Age-17
Grade-11th
Likes-reading, long walks at sunset, & classical music
Dislikes-annoying people & being woken up by an alarm clock
Activities-handbell choir, ensemble, theater, academic decathalon, & NHS

Real World

photo by Dave Luharski

Megan Greene & Cheryl Czapla

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Maritza Cordova & Mike Roque

Katie Shurlow

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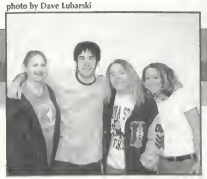

photo by Dave Lubarski

Let the good times roll ...

Sports, pranks, and hanging out with your friends is what high school is all about. Making the most of each and every day...eatin' lunch, wow... what a time. Sleeping in study hall where there is no other place to find such amazing rest.
Who would have thought we would have such a blast in our high school journey?

Each and every day knowing that this day will be better than the last

"I will miss seeing the same faces that I have been seeing for four years. It will just be wierd without them," senior Danielle Pistilli said.

High school is regarded as the best time of your life ... if you make the most of it. Having a positive attitude, making new friends, and doing all that you cando to make your day is so important.

Sarah Cummins

photo by Dave Lubarski

photo by Dave Lubarski

Muscle Man

Senior Steve Kroslack shows that he's a person to be taken seriously, especially in a dark alley. Kroslack, like many guys, enjoys working out as often as possible.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Study Buddies

Rachael Reed and Nataly Carrasco enjoy studying together.

Signatures

Casting a

2002

SHADOW...

Casting a 2002 SHADOW...

Year in Review

Ryan Kessler

Photo by: Jeanette Hacker

Heather Taylor

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John Sanders

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HHS Football Team

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Sarah Cummins

Corrine Jayne

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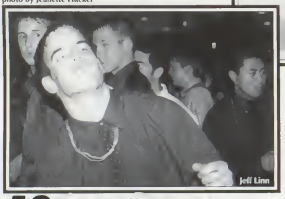
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photo by Jeanette Hacker

Mandy Zachmeier

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Ashlee Alumbaugh

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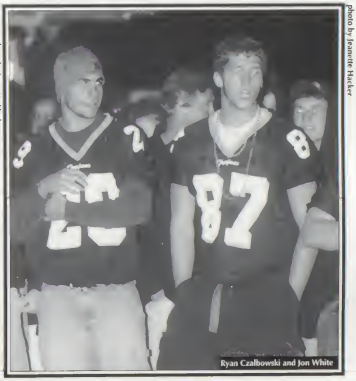
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Joel Schmal, Billy Farrenkopf, Jeff Perrone, Brandon Fieldhouse, Kyle Thompson, Matt Winston and Chris DeWier

Julie Reed

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Sam & Kerri

photo by PRESTIGE

Dale & Rach

photo by PRESTIGE

Brad & Melanie

photo by PRESTIGE

Jackie

photo by PRESTIGE

Brian

photo by PRESTIGE

Fairy tales...

Monday May 14, 2002

Dear diary,

Prom is so close, and I can't wait!!!

Friday: May 18, 2002

Dear diary,

Today, in school, I couldn't believe my eyes. Was that Jason Stanley and Josh Drake roaming the halls in those crash dummy outfits? Wow, what a sight! That convocation sure did ignite my thoughts. I tried as hard as I could not to cry! That kid who was just about my age spoke to us about the pain and guilt he has had to live with, knowing that drugs and alcohol were what caused him to take another person's life. And when they showed the video of the girl in the hospital ... how incredibly sad! As I sat there, taking it all in, I said a short prayer.

Saturday: May 19, 2002

Dear diary,

Everbody looks so great! I know this'll be a magnificent night. Julie Kotynski started things off right by saying a prayer before dinner. The music was loud, the smiles were bright, and St. Elijah's Hall sure was beautiful.Flashes from cameras were everywhere, as people tried to capture this fleeting moment. After the dance, most found their way to Chicago to go out to eat, while some stayed close to home, enjoying bowling, movies, or local food joints. The prom court included: Dana Wilkins, Megan DeWier, Laura Daley, Lauren Hallahan,Julie Kotynski, David Simon, Emmanuel Thomas, Billy Farrenkopf, Chuck Pantillo, and Kyle Murphy.Emmanuel Thomas and Julie Kotynski sparkled as they were crowned King and Queen. Prom, as expected, was completely unforgettable!

Larissa Lopez

Prom Court

photo by PRESTIGE

photo by PRESTIGE

The crowning of glory

Julie Kotynski became what every little girl dreams of becoming ... the Prom Queen. And who is that who shared in the glory ... none other than witty and athletic, Emmanuel Thomas.

photo by PRESTIGE

What a stud

No way! That's Brett Bach with a couple of his ladies. Laura Daley and Megan DeWier smile pretty.

PROM

Say cheese!

photo by PRESTIGE

Nate & Sarah

photo by PRESTIGE

"I was overwhelmed to see that all of my peers thought so highly of me!" Emmanuel Thomas

Janna Scheeringa

photo by PRESTIGE

photo by PRESTIGE

Dudes on the prowl

Joel, Matt, Danny, and John take a breather after a long night of groovin' and rhythmic moving. They're looking good, feeling good, and having a great time!

Danny & Kaitlin

photo by PRESTIGE

Casting a Shadow

Clubs & Academics...

-SOME STUDENTS choose to *cast their shadow*...on their school by excelling academically. Teachers make lasting impressions on the minds of their students ... proving themselves both **challenging, interesting**, and **unforgettable**. A teacher like Mr. Fralinger, who is entertaining and pure **genius**; Mr. Lemon, who makes you work for your grades, and proud when you do well; Mr. Martin, who is the best Canadian teacher; Mr. Foss, who is a regular at the local workout joint; Mrs. Kappes, who has a hip teaching style, and is about to bring another **beautiful life** into this world; and Mr. Darrow, who is such an awesome and interesting man. There are so many others ... the list goes on because so many teachers touch the hearts of their students. Students give all they've got in these vital 4 years, knowing that their work will someday pay off.

-OTHER STUDENTS choose to *cast their shadow*... by excelling socially. **Joining clubs**, they form relationships that will withstand the tests of time. Key club, t.a.t.u., N.H.S., Band, Trend, and so many other clubs that make a difference in the community. They are all about **making changes**, being **positive** role models, and simply doing that which they love ... showing everyone just what **they are capable** of!

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Jim Huneryager

Brian & Adam

Senior... Adam Conway *"casts his shadow"* on his art class by designing some of the best pieces Highland has seen. Conway has designed many spectacular pieces.

Sophomore Laurel Korbel and junior Sarah Cummins participate both in and out of the classroom. They excell academically, while managing to have fun in the process.

Abra Jacobs

Casting a Shadow

Clubs & Academics

Peter Huerter and Sarah Lounges

photo by Sarah Cummins

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The boys work hard to warm up their vocal chords for their upcoming concert.

Sophomore Ashley Dillard really gets into the music.

photo by Sarah Cummins

Choir

Together in Harmony

Music for the soul

photo by Sarah Cummins

Senior varsity member Samantha Munsie shines in the spotlight.

Choir is not all about singing and reading music. It's a chance to have fun and meet new people with a similar interest for music. They unite to show off their voices as a section. Also, many vocalists compete at ISSMA to show their musical abilities as soloists or as an ensemble. Many students who went to ISSMA received medals in various divisions. A large number of students who competed in Division I prospered and continued on to state where they received firsts and seconds. Senior, Rivian Hertz said her best time in choir was, "going to state for ISSMA and having an awesome bus ride."

Students prepare by doing warm-ups in class. They work hard to learn their music and notes. Mr. Markley works hard and does his best to prepare the students for concerts, ISSMA competitions, and state competitions.

Choir is also a lot of fun. Senior Erica Sendejas remembers, "It was funny when Dianna Carrasco fell out of her seat and the whole class started laughing at her!"

Many students have hopes of pursuing music in their future. But if performing is not a part of your future, well then, this class is still very enjoyable.

● Katie Shurlow & Nataly Carrasco

Choir

photo by Sarah Cummins

Junior Starla Morris lights up the stage.

photo by Sarah Cummins

Sophomore Danielle Bennett finds success in choir.

Trojan Band

Striving for perfection

Senior Emily Little was the Drum Major during the fall season of marching band. Her job was to conduct so the band stayed in perfect rhythm.

The Marching Trojan Pride 2001 show, entitled "Stargate," gave the word "perseverence" a new meaning. The band, which had a rough start, overcame many obstacles by practicing constantly and learning to work together. The marching band came in second place at the Plymouth Invitational. They also earned a Division II rating at I.S.S.M.A. District Marching Contest and even received an award for the best auxiliary in the show.

Although the marching band had an excellent year, the 2002 Winter Guard had their best season in Highland High School's history. The show, "Your Song," placed third at both Lafayette Jefferson High School and North Putnam High School competitions. These devoted and talented girls also won sixth place at the I.H.S.C.G.A. State Finals.

Highland's concert band, under the direction of Mr. Jan Gardner, worked hard during this school year. The band's biggest accomplishment was receiving a Division I rating at I.S.S.M.A. They also performed in various school concerts, along with the orchestra and choir.

Band is an important part of any high school's curriculum. It not only teaches about music, but it reaches even deeper to help the students learn about dedication, teamwork, and most importantly, perseverence.

Ellie Hansotte & Mindy Kuiper

Band

Photo by PRESTIGE

Freshmen Steven Shotts and Justin Melcarek practice long into the night, showing their hard work and dedication. These drummers help the rest of the band keep a steady beat.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Freshman Rachael Conlee, senior Erin Kolodziej, and sophomore Marissa Mroz play flutes in marching band. Band members must keep straight faces in order to maintain good performance composure.

Scott Scheeringa

photo by PRESTIGE

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Feshman Jennifer Borg and senior Benny Hinshaw play their instruments during halftime of a football game. The performances motivated team spirit for the Highland fans.

Junior Gina Stanko twirls her rifle in Color Guard. The Color Guard had an excellent year, winning sixth place at the state finals.

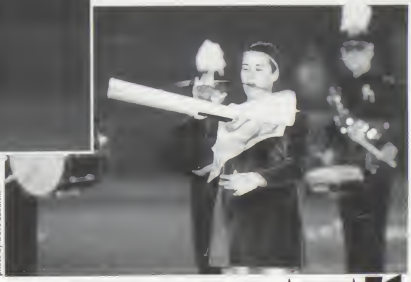

photo by Dave Lukarski

Brandon Fieldhouse & Chris Orban

Students learn skills in industrial technology courses by getting hands-on experience. Students demonstrate their skills by completing a number of different projects during the year.

Mr. Pearson explains to freshman Robert Carney what is to be expected on their next task.

Industrial Technology

Michael Chun and classmate Martin Garza work on taping together their project for their class.

Teamwork is the key to life

Industrial: of or produced by an industry. Technology: the application of scientific knowledge and advances to practical progress. Transportation systems, design process, construction systems, construction process, and communication systems are the classes which bring this to life.

Each of these courses allow the students at Highland High School to learn the skills to work in an industrial workplace. The instructor, Mr. Pearson, provides students with numerous hands-on activities.

"Mr. Pearson is a fun teacher; there is never a dull moment in his class," sophomore Ryan Hoffman said.

Students use their talents and the instruction of Mr. Pearson to construct a variety of challenging projects. An aero race vehicle, a scale shed, CAD drawings, and an electric kit are a few examples of what students construct in these classes. Then, students go out into the community with their products and make profits by using marketing skills.

"The class is good for anyone," senior Jake Toren said.

● Tina Dozier

industrial Technology

Michael Padilla watches on as Paris Gillespie puts the finishing touches to his project.

Freshmen Josh Moes and David Groen concentrate hard on what they have to do.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Mark Hentig ponders about what he shoud do for his next article.

The Link

Extra! Extra! Read all about it...

Fashion, advice, latest news. These are just some of the articles featured in the Highland High School Link. This year's newspaper was met with great anticipation as newcomer Mrs. Staehle joined the staff. No one would be able to guess it was her first year as head of the newspaper. The Link's journalists are blessed with a gift to capture the reader's attention with riveting stories and advice about every day life.

"It's been awesome. It's been a treat working with a great group of kids who are very enthusiastic; it was a perfect mix of kids. They made my first year comfortable and enjoyable," said Link Adviser Mrs. Staehle.

Senior Marco Slifer said, "It has been rough getting used to a new adviser every year, but the three years I have been a part of the Link have been well worth it. It will be hard to let go ... "

The 2001-2002 Link staff has shown to work well together and there's no doubt in anyone's mind that next year's paper will continue this trend.

Junior Steven Sostaric said,"I think newspaper has been a great experience. We get our work done but still have fun. It was neat to learn different things, especially when doing research articles. It's also been great getting to know people i wouldn't have known otherwise."

● Shelly Seitzinger & Rachael Reed

The Link

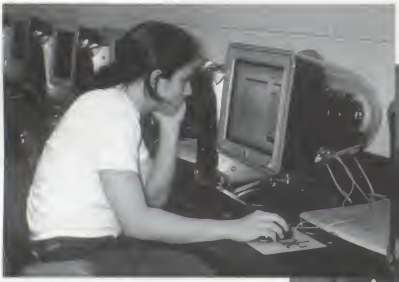

photo by Rachael Reed

Ryan Perryman is hard at work to bring the latest news to Highland High School's Link readers.

photo by Shelly Seitzinger

Megan Dewier doesn't sleep until her job as a reporter is done.

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Senior Editor Marco Slifer searches for new ideas to make the newspaper more appealing to students.

Junior Stephen Sostaric found out about breaking news for an intriguing cover story.

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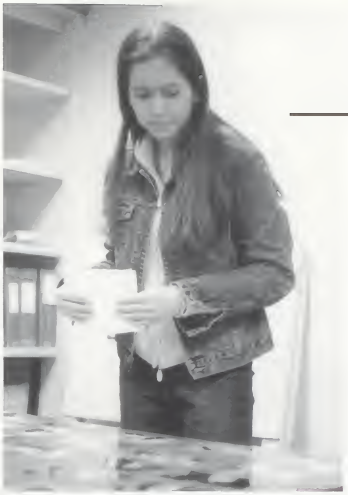
The Link

Danielle Pistilli

Photo by Jeanette Hacker

Senior Amanda Zachmeier looks through the pictures in the editors' office to find some good photos to put into the ad layouts. She is one of the advertising editors this year on the yearbook staff.

Seniors Monica Mroz and Alycia Smith look through old yearbooks to see how things have changed and also to get ideas on what to do for the new layouts this year.



Senior Larissa Lopez looks over some pictures to see if they are a good enough quality for the yearbook. She is the main editor of the yearbook this year. It is a big job for her to take on, but she is good at it.

SHIELD

It takes teamwork

Just eight students returned from last year's highly experienced staff. Also, an entire new staff of editors took over this year.

The addition of so many newcomers, too, could've hurt the staff's progress toward its goal of producing the "finest" yearbook the school has ever seen. However, after a short time, the staff pulled together, much like a team, and went to work and achieved its goals.

Under the leadership of senior editor Larissa Lopez, the yearbook spreads were designed by utilizing the classroom computers; many of the photos were taken by editors Dave Lubarski, Jeanette Hacker and Katie Shurlow; and the advertising was managed by Amanda Zachmeier and Sarah Cummins.

The Shield staff also took two field trips to garner ideas to enhance this year's new yearbook ... to Valparaiso University, and to Ball State University.

It requires a tremendous amount of dedication and leadership to make a yearbook successful. These students proved they have plenty of what it takes.

● Kerri Hess & Danielle Pistilli

Shield staff: Dave Lubarski, Greg McKnight, Brad Hoekstra, Tim Scoleri, Todd Miller, Jon Christophersen, Kerri Hess, Danielle Pistilli, Alycia Smith, Monica Mroz, Katie Shurlow, Jeanette Hacker, Rachel Reed, Shelly Seitzinger, Natalie Carrasco, Mindy Kuiper, Ellie Hansotte, Larissa Lopez, Sarah Cummins, Mandy Zachmeier, and Tina Dozier. Not pictured: Amber Lemon, Jessica DeBoer, Nicole McLeish, Brian Miller, and Ashley Kirinch.

Shield

Senior Tina Dozier works hard to get her layout done in time for the deadline. She has put in a lot of effort.

Sweating it out

making it happen

photo by Katie Shurlow

Mike Bewley gets his everyday workout as he jumps rope in the Highland High School auxiliary gymnasium. Jumping rope, just like lifting weights, is a great cardiovascular exercise.

Most people stereotype physical education as being nothing but a mandatory class that every oncoming freshman dreads taking. Highland High School is unlucky in the fact that we only have physical education for one year. Many other schools in the area have this class for all four years of high school. Once these oncoming freshmen have a chance to experience the great phenomenon that is Highland High School physical education, they wish that they would have it for the full four years of high school. One physical education teacher, Ms. Pam Wilson, knows how to take you to the full limits of your physical possibilities and back. Physical education is nothing to dread. It is actually something for every eighth grader at Highland Middle School to look forward to, and dream about. While students learn different ways to improve their physical health from dodgeball to dancing, softball to swimming, basketball to bowling, and tennis, students will not only be able to use these new-found skills for their high school days, but for the rest of their lives. The physical education program at Highland High School is something to be learned, lived, and loved for everyone who experiences it.

● Greg McKnight & Todd Miller

Physical Education

Photo by Larissa Lopez

Freshmen Keenan Roden, Alexis Frankly, and Kristen Gehrke walk down the choir hall enroute to the auxiliary gym for another fun-filled day of physical education.

Photo by Larissa Lopez

Freshmen Maggie Liston and Michelle Stooksbury go through the routine workout before sarting the activity for the day.

Amanda Lewis and Melissa Fezler

photo by Dave Luharski

Freshmen Ashley Mahoney and Ashley Gaffigan wrestle each other to the ground, trying to get away from the day's dancing activity.

Freshman Mike Fortin is waiting anxiously to start his warm ups for the day in physical education.

photo by David Luharski

Physical Education

photo by Dave Lubarski

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National Honor Society's President Matt Cable and Vice President E. J. Mastandrea share a special moment together before the NHS induction ceremony.

Seniors Joanna Lamott, Heather Kristy, and Karen Jelski flash off their sign to bring in customers at the NHS car wash.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

National Honor Society

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Senior J. J. Summerlot proudly works as the official tire scrubber at this year's car wash.

Honorable Service

to the community

One of the highest honors a student can achieve is to be inducted into the National Honor Society. This prestigious group of students are recognized by their high academic standards and their dedication to community service. They participate in various school activities throughout the year so that they can be eligible for scholarships and earn a white tassel for their graduation cap. The members are guided by sponsor Mr. William Martin.

Members participate in numerous fundraisers to help benefit people in the community. NHS started the year off by having a float in the Homecoming Parade. They had a food drive in November and a stuffed animal drive in December. They sent Valentine cards to veterans. Members also participated in fundraisers like the Highland Dollars for Scholars phon-a-thon, the St. Jude trivia contest, and the March of Dimes walk. The year was finished off with a car wash.

"NHS did a fantastic job of washing my car, named Mr. Bojangles," senior Joanna Lamott said.

Look for the NHS to continue on giving the same service to the community next year with the 62 new members who were inducted at the National Honor Society introduction ceremony on May 2nd.

● Tim Scoleri

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Senior Ben Porter uses a little elbow grease to finish wiping the mirror off.

National Honor Society

Junior Emmanuel Thomas proudly accepts his invitation into the National Honor Society from senior Adam Nowak.

photo by Dave Lubarski

photo by Dave Lubarski

Junior Dennis Wojkovich shows off his artistic ability while participating in the Art in the Park show, which was held this year in the high school gymnasium because of inclement weather.

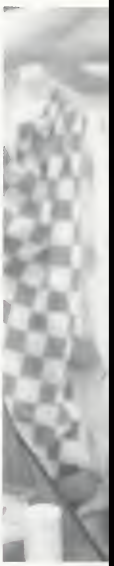
Crafty

Expression through art

NAHS stands for National Art Honor Society. This club is for the crafty, talented, and artistic students at Highland High School who have a love for art. These students have participated in many activities such as Art in the Park, which took place on May 11, 2002. They also took part in face painting for the elementary schools fun fairs and they helped to build the Homecoming floats for the fall parade. The sponsor of NAHS is Ms. Rhonda Szymanski; the President is senior Michelle Mazur; the Vice President is senior Josh Drake; Secretary is junior Laura Timko; and the Treasurer is junior Jamie Turkevich. On May 6, the NAHS held its annual banquet to honor a students who have accomplished outstanding achievement in art. They also took the time to welcome incoming members and to say goodbye to the ones that will be leaving.

"Art is very important, not only for education, but for their imagination," senior Dave Lubarski said. On May 17, the seniors of the NAHS took a field trip to the art museum in Indianapolis. This helped the students to better understand the meaning of true art.

● Monica Mroz & Alycia Smith



NAHS

photo by Dave Lubarski

Vice President of the NAHS, senior Josh Drake announces the pledge at the 2002 banquet.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Junior Laura Timko takes time to sit back and admire all the art she has worked so hard on.

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Adam Ispas received several ribbons for his outstanding ability to create wonderful works of art, several of which are shown at the left.

Melissa Gawlik, below, paints a clown face on her fellow NAHS member.

photo by Dave Lubarski

GO! GO! GO!

Joseph...

photo by Dave Lubarski

Senior Jacob Van Sickle took the lead role of Joseph in his last high school play. Van Sickle lit up the stage with his wonderful performance.

The Highland Theater Company put on a memorable performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.*

"People will remember this play because of the talent that was in it," sophomore Ashley Dillard said.

With this being the final performance of the year, several seniors were on stage for the last time. They have proven that there is more to a play, or musical in this case, than just memorizing your lines; it takes hard work, dedication, and talent.

The shows were held on April 25-28. The last day of the musical was a "sing-along" performance. Audience members who had already been to the musical, or saw it somewhere else, were given the opportunity to participate in the show by singing along with cast members.

Many of the seniors said this was a great way to end their high school careers in acting and singing.

"This was a good game for the team," senior Josh Drake said.

● Kerri Hess

Spring Musical

photo by Dave Lubarski

Senior Josh Drake played the role of Pharoh. This lively, energetic role fit his personality perfect! Here he is doing his number with Joseph .... er, Jacob Van Sickle.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Junior Adam White played one of Joseph's brothers. He was also one of the choreographers for the show. He is a great dancer and is showing off his moves here.

Jacob Van Sickle as Joseph

photo by Dave Lubarski

photo by Dave Lubarski

Mr. Marty Grubbs, the theater director took on the role of the King. He said he loves to participate, and this performance was very special for him.

Senior Brianna Meeder, the narrator of the story, had a big part. Not only did she have to memorize all of her lines, she had to keep the audience all on track. Here she is singing a part of the story to some middle school students who participated in the play.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Spring Musical

Speak Out!

voice your opinion

Junior Emmanuel Thomas takes a quick break before he amazes the judges.

They say actions speak louder than words, but that's not the case for the speech team. These students go head-to-head, arguing their beliefs or opinions on different topics. Their objective, of course, is to deliver a convincing and powerful speech which scores well with the judges. Some students such as Matthew Fledderjohan, who went to state, and Dean Kessler, who was an alternate for state, had no problem doing so. But both students will admit their particular speeches took many long hours of practice.

Many other students also fared well, receiving ribbons, while the whole team won several trophies at various meets.

The speech team was guided by Coach Steenson and Assissant Coaches Mrs. Kappes and Mr. Kilburn. The team was inspired by Senior President Becky Baxter.

These students work hard, but that doesn't stop them from having fun.

● Nataly Carrasco

Speech

photo by Katie Shurlow

Sophomore Lisa Gyure tries to remember that last line to her speech.

photo by Katie Shurlow

Nervous? No, sophomore Amber Lemon has nothing to worry about!

photo by Katie Shurlow

photo by Katie Shurlow

Senior President Becky Baxter anxiously awaits her speech scores.

Freshman Steven Shotts relieves his stress with a good laugh.

photo by Katie Shurlow

Speech

Seniors Tina Simkus & Lauren Dvorscak

photo by Katie Shurlow

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Junior Sam Lynch spends-- her time after school visiting with the elderly. Foreign Language Club is not just all about speaking in different languages. It's also about helping out people in the community.

Senior Becky Baxter gives a speech at the Foreign Language banquet as the Japanese Club watches from behind.

photo by Katie Shurlow

Foreign Language Clubs

Junior Emannuel Thomas is showing his dedication to the elderly while helping with the Foreign Language Club.

Foreign Language Clubs

expanding cultural knowledge

While in a Foriegn Language Club, students have the opportunity to expand their cultural knowledge. It is a great chance to meet new people, and get aquainted with the history of nations far and near. At Highland High School there are many different Foreign Language Clubs to be a part of. Students can choose between Japanese, Spanish, French, and German. While most students think that being part of a Foeign Language Club just means studying the language, it involves much more. They go to nursing homes, eat the ethnic foods, participate in tricycle races, and go to Europe. Other than participating in many fun activities, these students become friends on a personal level with the teachers and administrators. A foreign language doesn't just mean tests, quizzes, and oral proficiency; it means getting down to your roots and your background. If one were ever to join a Foreign Language Club, they would have the chance to be elected as the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or many more other offices. If you have ever considered joining a Foreign Language Club, it can be very helpful, and a great time is had by all.

● Greg McKnight & Todd Miller

Foreign Language Clubs

Photo by Katie Sturlow

Junior Jim Wozny also takes time after school to spend time with senior citizens.

photo by Katie Sturlow

Mr. Kaminski addresses the guests at the Foreign Language banquet.

Josh Drake

photo by Dave Lubarski

Stephanie Reed & Alex Ross

photo by Rachael Reed

Rachael Reed & Tracey Cable

photo by Dave Lubarski

Mr. Dan Kuiper

photo by Dave Lubarski

Jaime Rivas

photo by Dave Lubarski

Time of Your Life

Snowflake is a middle school over-nighter designed to teach the up-coming high-schoolers the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and unsafe sex. It is a fun-filled night with a serious message. Veronica Lyon, Leslie Sanders, and Stephanie Reed – the teen directors – selected the staff of high school students and organized the program, with assistance from counselors Mrs. Kelly Gossman and Mrs.Nancy Smith.

"This was by far the best Snowflake staff I've ever worked with. It was a huge success and I thank everyone for making it possible," said Lyon, who had served as teen director for two consecutive years.

The night included small group sessions led by three or four staff members, large group time, a dance, various workshops, a mini "Superstars" competition, and a realistic look at the effects of substance abuse. Another highlight of the Snowflake experience was the traditional Senior Wills time. This is when the seniors have a chance to pass down Snowflake memorabilia from the past and other meaningful objects. At the closing ceremony, emotions were soaring as the seniors said goodbye to Snowflake for one last time.

Mindy Kuiper & Ellie Hansotte

Julie Reed & Erika Perez

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Boogie Down

Senior Rich Hoekstra shows off his groovy moves at the Snowflake dance. The dance was held at midnight, so it was surprising when most everyone stayed awakel

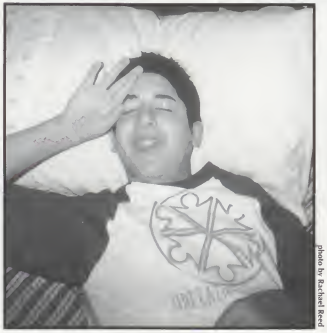

photo by Rachael Reed

Nap Time!

Freshman Matt Rivera takes a break from the non-stop action at Snowflake by resting his eyes for a bit.

Snowflake

Jason Stanley

photo by Dave Lubarski

Ashley Ritz & Marisa Pepelea

photo by Rachael Reed

Kerri Hess

photo by Rachael Reed

"It was a grand ole' time!" – senior Josh Drake

photo by Dave Lubarski

May I Have This Dance?

Senior Jon Christophersen and Junior Kyle Hawkins go the extra mile to make their small group skit more entertaining for everyone.

Adam White & Danielle Bennett

photo by Dave Lubarski

2002 Natural Helpers

Seniors Jason Stanley and Josh Drake entertain themselves by playing their guitars.

Juniors Alex Ross and Matt Rolland wait anxiously for what is planned for them next.

Natural Helper

Junior Julie Kotynski shows her "serious" side at Natural Helper.

Lending a Helping Hand

students enjoy retreat

Very little, if anything at all, is known about Natural Helper. Students who attend the weekend retreat are sworn to secrecy.

However, those attend are unanimous in their approval of Natural Helper and its life-changing strategies.

What is known about Natural Helper is that it involves only students who are juniors who are selected by their peers, it is designed to bring students together who otherwise wouldn't talk to or associate in a school setting, and a number of different games and activities are planned throughout the weekend.

This year's Natural Helper event was held at the LRCA in Crown Point.

"It's different from what I thought it would be," Rachael Reed said, "I got to know kids in my class more personally in one night than I had through three years of high school."

Juniors who weren't selected for the weekend retreat had to opportunity to participate in one-day activity held during the school day.

● Shelly Seitzinger

Natural Helper

Junior Lauren Hallahan gives senior Jason Stanley a ride during one of the crazy activities that was planned for the Natural Helper weekend retreat.

Motivation

Making a difference

Senior Brianna Meeder enjoys a hot slice of pizza at one of the free movie nights sponsored by TREND.

TREND, which stands for Turning Resources and Energy in New Directions, is an organization that works in the schools to promote a drug-free lifestyle. This program provides an alternative option to the dangerous habit of substance abuse. Some activities sponsored by TREND include: free movie nights, a drug-free candlelight walk, and Red Ribbon Week. Free movie nights are held about once a month in the auditorium, and are open to all Highland High School students. TREND members choose the movie and offer free pizza and pop during intermission. "Walk With Me I'm Drug-Free" is an annual event in which participants carry lit candles throughout Highland to show that they support drug-free lifestyles. Each day during Red Ribbon Week, club members present a fun-filled theme to the students. Two other organizations associated with TREND are the Drug-Free Road Show and TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use). The Drug-Free Road Show is a group of students who travel to the different elementary schools. They perform various skits showing the younger children some fun drug-free activities. TATU also goes to the elementary schools and teaches about the effects and hazards of cigarettes.

Samantha Wolak and Vanessa Chavez are Senior Co-Presidents of TREND.

"TREND is such a good learning experience," Wolak said. "The members feel involved in everything, and we have a great time. Everyone should join TREND next year!"

● Mindy Kuiper & Ellie Hansotte

TREND

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Sophomore Brandon Wolak and freshman Erica Rozenich take an intermission break from the exciting movie.

The fun never stops at free movie nights! Junior Matt Rolland laughs it up with his friends.

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Sam Wolak and Doug Harper

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Juniors Dennis Wojkovich and Stephanie Reed prove that free movie nights not only provide a fun time, but some good eating too!

Sophomore Aaron Miller quenches his thirst with an ice cold Sierra Mist while he chills with his friends outside the auditorium.

photo by Dave Lubarski

The 2001-02 Key Club

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Supervisor Mrs. Joan Ray smiles as E.J. Mastandrea gives the Key Club a thumbs up.

The Key Club proudly displays their Homecoming float right before the big parade.

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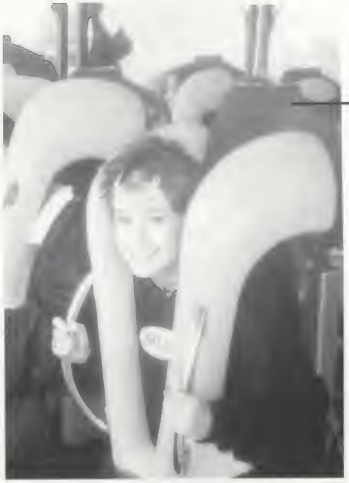
Key Club



Senior Renee Holland is all strapped in and ready for the Iron Wolf at Six Flags Great America.

Dedication
is the key to life

Pumpkin Plod, Highland Dollars for Scholars Phon-a-thon, Beach Sweep, and the Easter Egg Hunt are just a few of the many activities that the Key Club has done for our community. This club dedicates its time to help out by raising money for charities and donating goods to the needy.

"I'm very happy to help out with the community," says junior Emmanual Thomas. "I help out every chance I get."

Even though they give their all to help out others, it doesn't mean that they don't receive anything in return. As a reward for all their hard work, the Key Club goes on an annual field trip to Six Flags Great America. "I have gone the past two years and it has been a lot of fun," said junior Amy Kunz.

At the end of the year the club looks back and sees all the wonderful things they have done for the people. Along the way they make life-long friends they can depend on to help make their community a little better.

"I love Mrs. Ray!" says senior Rivian Hertz, "She's my idol."

● Tina Dozier

Key Club

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Club Officers: Ashley Ritz, Secretary; Kyle Hawkins, Treasurer; Tracy Cable, Vice Presdent; and Emily Little, President.

Junior Lynsie Funkhouser read to a kindergarten class as part of the Read Across America Program.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Junior Kyle McCambridge proves that theatre is always exciting.

Talent

makes it a success

When you have a servant, two masters, and lots of laughs, well, what do you get? This year's Winter Play.

This slapstick comedy tells the tale of Truffaldino, who mistakenly becomes the servant of two "men." Truffaldino's masters, Beatrice, a strong-headed woman possing as her dead brother, and Florindo, Beatrice's love interest. The catch of the play is that the two do not know they are in the same town, let alone know that they own the same servant.

This was a great choice for an outrageously, funny show. The play was not an easy one, though. It was a challenge to learn. "I liked the challenge ... the actors doing a piece normally performed at college. It was a great show," Marty Grubbs, HTC director, said.

During the play the cast got the chance to know each other a little better on a new and different level. The choice to have a small group made this play work really well. "This was one of my favorite shows, and because the cast was small, we got to know each other really well," junior Allison Brack said.

The play was a great success. All the hard work paid off in the end. "There was a lot of pressure," said junior Gino Schrementi, "but when you get out there you get an Adrenalin rush from the applauding, and it's all worth it in the end." The cast was left with a pleasing result. The audience was left in tears from laughing and the crew was all smiles. The play was an easy hit with the great talent of our HTC's actors.

● Tina Dozier

Winter Play

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Juniors Matthew Fledderjohan and Allison Brack patiently listen to each side as senior Megan Troxel (center) strongly disapproves.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Junior Gino Schrementi shows his emotion while Jason Summerlott waits to say his lines.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Juniors Keith Anderko looks on as Adam White shows his frustration during a hilarious scene.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Matthew Fledderjohan displays his stubborn side in this scene, showing that he strongly wants for things to go his way.

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Winter Play

Student Council Officers

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Seniors Diana Augustyniak and Marco Slifer listen with keen interest at one of the many meetings that Student Council has each year.

Senior Cheryl Czapla thinks deeply on how she can help with the Student Council activities.

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Student Council

photo by Dave Lubarski

Mr. Kaminski and Marty Grubbs converse with one another over upcoming Student Council events.

Student Organization at its best

When anybody thinks about the most important clubs in schoool, they would have to think of Student Council. Student Council is an organization consisting of the most dedicated students in the school. Under the guidance of Mr. Dennis Kaminski and Mr. Marty Grubbs, Student Council this year did several activities that benefited both the school and the community.

Student Council did many things this year, but focused primarily on three major events. In September they put together all the activities for our "Mardi Gras" Homecoming week. In December they worked with Heartland Blood Center to collect 125 pints of blood in their annual blood drive. Then in February at their annual Spaghetti Dinner, they raised $5,000 for Treacie Jelks, a speech teacher at Johnston and Southridge who has cancer. They are also in charge of the student concerns committee, which reports problems to the faculty like broken water fountains or any problems in the cafeteria.

Student Council ended the year on a good note as they achieved overall success with all of their activities. They finished the year with a pizza party/award ceremony which included the induction of the new Student Council officers. "I look forward to helping out with Student Council next year," sophomore Ellie Hansotte said.

● Tim Scoleri & Brad Hoekstra

Student Council

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Freshman Heather Serwacki takes a quick glance at her notes from the last Student Council meeting.

photo by Dave Lubarski

Student Council members stand up with a smile to start another meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Signatures

Casting a

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SHADOW...

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Casting a Shadow...

Sports...

GETTIN' PHYSICAL!

-SOME STUDENTS choose to *cast their shadow* on their school by participating in sports. They give their all for the sake of the game. They leave a lasting imprint on the hearts of their fans. They **practice hard**, but when it comes down to it, they use their previous **experience** to show everyone just what they've got. Requiring **hard work**, **dedication**, and **perseverance** ... they can **break previous records**. Working together they **go far**, and they have fun doing it! Athletes at Highland don't fulfill the common stereotype of "brainless muscle heads." Many of them have **smarts** and **athletic ability**... an excellent combination!

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Steven Wagner

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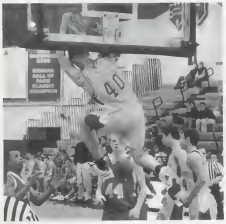

Senior Nick Kane *casts his shadow* on his fans, by slam dunking a ball into the hoop!

Senior George Hillier *casts his shadow* on his soccer team by playing hard, and working even harder. Participating in a sport is a good way to leave your mark.

Brandon Siska

Casting a Shadow

Athletics

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HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER: Back Row: Katie Lewis, Lauren Hallahan, Erin Frisby, Allison Staroscsak, Colleen Benson, Adrienne Rivera, Lyndee Arnold, Coach Mark Tanis, Middle Row: Lisa Stiglitz, Rachael Reed, Victoria Gatlin, Elise Mihalik, Anne Kvarta, Stephanie Reed, Marisa Pepelea, Front Row: Amy Guined, Bryanne Howe, Jessica Livingstone, Sarah Barney, Nicole Duran, Cindy Cieslak, Denise Kilmer, Sarah Jones

photo by: Ellie Hanotte

Huddle! Huddle! Looks like trouble! The Varsity team prepares to win at their first Sectional game.

Cold weather and muddy conditions won't stop junior Lyndee Arnold from scoring against Hammond Noll.

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Denise Kilmer

photo by: Jeanette Hacker

Junior Lauren Hallahan sets herself up for a shot. She was one of the top scorers this season.

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Cindy Cieslak

photo by: Ellie Hansotte

Sarah Barney

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JV team members

Adrienne Rivera & Ashlee Gascy

GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER: Crown Point W 4-0, Griffith W 3-2, Lake Central L 3-0, Hammond Morton W 4-0, Portage L 5-0, Michigan City W 12-0, Lowell W 12-2, Chesterton L 5-0, Andrean L 5-0, Concord L 1-0, Hammond Noll W 5-0, Hobart W 2-0, Munster W 2-1, Valparaiso L 3-1, *Sectional:* Crown Point W 2-0, Lake Central L 2-0

■ **Lady Trojans bring pride to Highland with a great season!**

SKILL

"Eins! Zweil Dreil Hemo, hemo, hemo!" meaning "One! Two! Three! Blood, blood, blood!" is the traditional cheer of the Highland Lady Trojans varsity girls' soccer team. This cheer pumps the team up before they take their positions on the field.

"The cheer unifies the team and makes us want to play harder," senior Ashlee Gascy said.

With only three seniors this season, hard work and perseverence were a vital key to victory. Although the team had their downfalls, these dedicated girls played through the hard times and learned what teamwork is all about.

The Lady Trojans had an overalll winning season with a final record of 8-6. In the sectional, the girls had a great first game in which they beat Crown Point 2-0. Unfortunatley, they suffered a 2-0 loss to Lake Central in the second game after freshman goalie Amy Guined was injured.

Ellie Hansotte & Rachael Reed

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Dave Blahnik & Erik Angyus

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George Hillier

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Ryan Strzelinski

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Michael Kelley & John Frisby

■ Highland seniors lead team to 12-6-1 season record

LEADERSHIP

VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER: Griffith W 3-1, Portage Tie 2-2, Hammond High W 11-0, Lake Central L 3-2, Chesterton W 2-1, Andrean L 1-0, Valparaiso L 3-1, Lowell W 6-2, Hobart L 4-2, Hammond Morton W 2-1, Argos W 1-0, Munster L 3-0, Hammond Noll W 2-0, Crown Point W 3-0, Hammond Clark W 6-2, Hammond Gavit W 3-2, ***Sectional:*** Griffith W 5-2, Andrean W 4-1, Merrillville L 2-1

The Highland varsity boys' soccer team had a strong season with many returning seniors.

The season showed potential because of the team's vast experience, but they struggled with teamwork. As individuals, the field was dominated, but as a group, the team showed some weaknesses. The Trojans finished the season with a 12-6-1 record. They started out trying to conquer the flat-four defense, but ended up turning back to their old defense.

The Trojans had hoped to extend their season in the sectional.

"At the beginning of the season, we were too cocky and thought we would be unbeatable, but a few major losses woke us up but we expected to go very far in the state tournament once again," senior Mike Cieslaks said.

The team featured senior captains Dave Blahnik, Paul St. Aubyn, and Ryan Strzelinski.

Tim Scoleri & Jon Christophersen

Adam Ispas

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HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER TEAM: Top Row-Gary Simkus,David Blanik, Mark Trznadel, Paul St.Aubyn, Shane Gulvas, Bob Lewis, Joey Peres, Middle Row-Kyle Hawkins, Ryan Strzelinski, Dan Mihalik, Shawn Tuskan, George Hillier, Mark Crist, Erik Angyus, Bottom Row- Mike Cieslak, Adam Ispas, Brian Bodemer, Jacob Margraf, Adam Schechner, Thomas Mist, Keith Nelson

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The Highland soccer team stands tall and proud for America as the National Anthem plays loud and clear.

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Senior Shane Gulvas moves for the ball. He was known for his speed and agility on the field.

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Senior Bob Lewis steals the ball from the other team. He was a dominant defensive player for Highland.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: First Row: Mary Sutliff, Alison Austin, Karen Jelski, Traci Jerkins, Brooke Johnson, Laura Daley, Stephanie Wanicki, Jessica Hamman, Coach Reynolds. Second Row: Jackie Velasco, Jennifer Sknerski, Toni Kwasny, Lindsay Plikhun, Lisa Barlog, Marina Abureto, Jaime Toren. Front Row: Ashley Cichon, Heather Zuhl, Georgia Cavvouras, Mallory Greene, Ali Samancki, Jennifer Lachoweic, Sarah Jones.

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The Girls' Cross Country Team gathers together to go over strategy prior to the start of their race.

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Sophomore Mallory Greene pushes herself to the limit as she is being cheered by her teammate senior Toni Kwasny.

Laura Daley

Senior Joanna Lamott shows that it is important to stretch before each race.

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Brooke Johnston and Ashley Cichon

photo by: Jeanette Hacker

Megan Palm, Mallory Greene, Sarah Jones, Brooke Johnston

photo by: Jeanette Hacker

Joanna Lamott, Karen Jebbi, Jackie Velasco, Georgia Cavouras

photo by: Jeanette Hacker

Mallory Greene

photo by PRESTIGE

■ Highland girls place 8th at regional

ENDURANCE

The Highland Varsity Girls' Cross Country Team had a great season. Each girl not only ran for the gold, but also strove to beat their old records. They always tried to be better than they were the meet before.

"All the runners this year set goals that they wanted to reach at the end of the season," said Sarah Jones, "and they worked as a team to reach them."

At the beginning of the season, the Trojans featured many newcomers. There were many new freshmen and returning seniors for their fourth year. These individuals came together during the long, hot summer and were truly a "team" by their first meet.

Jones, just a junior, led the team for much of the season. She advanced to the New Prairie Semistate as an individual.

But if you ever wondered why they love to run so much, just read the back of their shirts. It says: "We owe it all to the little chocolate donuts." Now that's something to run for!

VARSITY GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY: *Hammond Gavit Invite* 5th, Valparaiso L, Kouts W, *T.F. South Invite* 11th, Griffith L, *Rensselaer Invite* 3rd, Hanover Central L, *New Prairie Invite* 16th, *Highland Invite* 7th, *Kankakee Valley Invite* 7th, *Lafayette Jeff Invite* 7th, *Lowell Invite* L, L, W, *Lake Athletic Conference* 4th, *Sectional* 4th, *Regional* 8th.

Jeanette Hacker

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HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: First Row: Mark Rushkoff, Dave Bustamante, Kyle Hawkins, Aaron Bugajski, Dan Moynihan, Ryan Hall, Nick Castillo. Second Row: Coach, Carlos Ahurto, Jason Douthett, Kevin Popovich, Ben Ross, Adam Zatorski, Sean Fox, Adam Salinas, Matt Gauthier

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Ben Ross catches his breath after a difficult meet.

photo by: PRESTIGE

Ryan Hall shows off the form that helped lead the team in many meets this year.

Dan Moynihan

photo by: PRESTIGE

Matt Gauthier keeps pace with his opponents.

Group meeting

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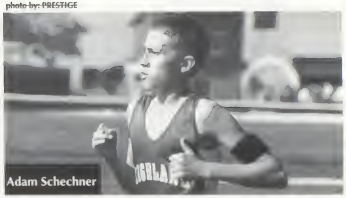

Adam Schechner

Jason Douthett

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Kyle Hawkins

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VARSITY BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY: Hammond Gavit Invite 4th, Valparaiso L, Kouts W, Morgan Township W, Gary Roosevelt W, T. F. South Rebel Invite 9th, Griffith L, Rensselaer Invite 6th, Hanover Central W, New Prairie Invite 5th, Highland Invite 5th, Kankakee Valley Invite 3rd, Lowell L, North Newton W, Lake Athletic Conference 3rd, *Sectional* **2nd**, *Regional* **5th**, *Semistate* **18th**

■ Boys' CC team makes history with Semistate showing

STAMINA

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Focused on the finish line, the Highland boys' cross country team certainly gave it their all. Cross country isn't a sport that comes easy. It takes training and dedication to accomplish all that the boys accomplished this past season..

The Trojans accomplished a great deal, advancing to semistate for the first time in school history.

Featured runners included: Ryan Hall, Adam Zatorski, Sean Fox, Matt Gauthier, and Adam Salinas.

Dan Moynihan has been running since his freshman year.

"The season was great! It was the first time we went to semistate. The team is getting stronger...," Moynihan said.

They also placed second in sectional and fifth in regional, making their way to the first-ever semistate appearance.

Many of the runners will return, making next season perhaps even stronger.

Dave Lubarski

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HIGHLAND VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Top Row: Coach Breitweiser, Nicole Cianci, Jenn Cieslak, Aimee Stirling, Heather Kristy, Cassi Siska, Coach Sparks, Coach Rossa. Bottom Row: Georgieann Michels, Stephanie Zimny, Ashley Chappell, Dana Wilkins, Natalie Turcotte, Julie DeMuth

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Aimee Stirling

"The team I had this year was a special group," Coach Denise Rossa said, "because several of the girls were with me since freshman year. Even though there were lots of obstacles, I thought we had a successful year."

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Senior Heather Kristy sets the ball up for one of her teammates.

Sophomore Steph Zimny watches as senior Natalie Turcotte bumps the ball.

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Ashley Chappell & Julie DeMuth

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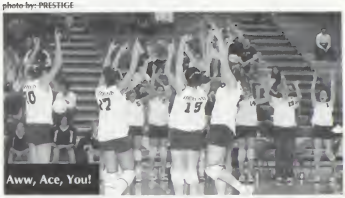

Aww, Ace, You!

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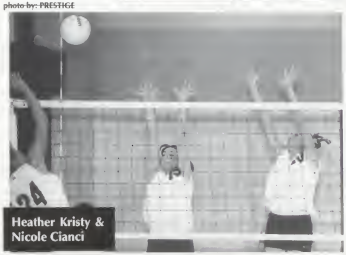

Heather Kristy & Nicole Cianci

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Captain Ashley Chappell

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Crown Point W, **LaPorte Tourney:** W, L, L , Griffith W, Michigan City L, Hammond High W, Lake Station W, Whiting W, Calumet W, Valparaiso W, Hammond Morton W, Andrean L, Portage W, Hammond Clark W, Lowell L, Hammond Gavit L, Munster L, **Merrillville Tourney:** Merrillville L, Munster L, Penn L, Lake Central L, Hammond Noll W, **Highland Invite:** Elkhart Memorial L, South Bend LaSalle W, Goshen W, Merrillville L, Chesterton L, Hobart W, *Sectional:* Hammond Gavit L

■ Young Highland volleyball team had strong season

SIDEOUT

BUMP! SET! SPIKE! These are the three main techniques volleyball players use in a game. There are still some underclassmen improving on all three of these.

The team was mostly dominated with underclassmen. There were only eight upperclassmen, and the rest were underclassmen.

"Even though we have a really young team, as we grew in age, we grew in the ability and knowledge of the game," senior Ashley Chappell said.

Although the team was young, they still needed motivation. While there was not a large number of fans at the games, the ones who did come cheered the team on with a lot of enthusiasm. As the girls played they didn't realize the quantity of the fans, but they did realize the quality of the fans. That was what motivated the girls to play harder.

Through Coach Denise Rossa's bootcamp in the summer, the girls have come a long way with improvement. They all hope in the years to come, that the long, hard summer will pay off.

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Nicole McLeish & Kerri Hess

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Brian Pennington #38
Brian Miller #82

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Coach Brad Smith

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Brandon Siska #9

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Brett Bach #3

VARSITY FOOTBALL: Kankakee Valley W 55-0, Hammond Gavit W 14-7, Hammond High W 15-14, Lowell W 24-21 OT, Calumet W 25-7, Andrean L 35-13, Munster L 28-14, Griffith L 27-0, Hammond Morton W 22-21 OT, ***Sectional:*** Gary West Side 48-6, Griffith L 35-6

■ Trojans improve to a 7-4 season

REDEMPTION

Coming off a rough year, the Trojans were looking forward to the new season. With high expectations and the hope of redemption, the Highland football team opend the season with an exciting victory over KV. The Trojans would win their next four games improving their record to 5-0 before falling to Andrean in the hard fought Homecoming game.

The Trojans would fall to Munster in the Battle of the Bridge, and to Griffith on a field that was more like a swamp rather than a football field. Highland would regroup and win another exciting overtime battle. The Trojans ended the regular season with a respectable 6-3 record.

VICTORY! The Trojans ended the two-year streak of losing the first game in sectionals by defeating Gary West and advancing to the second round. The Trojans would fall once again in a hard fought battle to Griffith ending their season with a 7-4 mark.

"I'm really happy I was able to coach such a great group of guys my last year," coach Brad Smith said.

Monica Mroz &
Brian Miller

Shawn Childers #5

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HIGHLAND VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: First Row-John Fenchak, Tony Gutierrez, Jacob Sacczawa, Kyle McCambridge, Kris Boyd, Nick Rentschler, Ricky Hontfi, Gabe Rodriquez, Jeff Perrone, John Koonce, Panos Katapodis Second Row-Ryan Trevino, Peter Hamang, Nick Newland, Matt Yuknis, Chris DeWeir, Jamin Steel, Matt Hasler, Mark Popovich, Billy Farrenkopf, Corey Anderson, Kevin Frazier, Jason Tyler Third Row-Jeff Harp, Coach Miller, Coach Bedka, Coach McCallister, Coach Pointer, Head Coach Smith, Coach Edwards, Coach Hedges, Coach Depta, Coach Miller, Coach Bognar, Coach Boyd, Lindsey Funkhouser Fourth Row-Aaron Czalbowski, Chris Johanson, John Kokot, C.J. Shive, Rudy Mata, Brett Bach, Ben Porter, Matt Winston, Dan Hejmej Fifth Row-Bruce Bush, Tom Champbell, Ben Sietsma, Zack Cooke, Shawn Childers, Ryan Czalbowski, Don Glenn, Dan Ploczynski, Mark Nateiborg Sixth Row-Matt Douthett, Brian Miller, Andy Locke, Mike Kincaid, Brandon Siska, Dwight Moser, Brian Pennington, Andy Zrnchik, Jon White, Brandon Fieldhouse

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Senior running back Aaron Czalbowski tucks the ball away and looks for a hole in the line. He was one of the top three runners for the Trojans.

Senior captian Zack Cooke gets past the defense for another big gain. He led the Trojans on the ground with more than 900 yards rushing.

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Senior Defensive End/Defensive Tackle Jon White battles to keep his position against Griffith.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' TENNIS TEAM: Top Row: Coach Mazur, Richard Silaj, Charles Stapke, Jim Wozny, Clayton Savage, Andy Giordano, Coach Kelli Hayes. Middle Row: Justin Biancardi, Jon Cox, Anthony Belli, Andrew Wojcik, Mike Mazur, Dru Kitchell. Bottom Row: Jon Speakman, Jordan Cox, Mike Absher, Brian Bernardino, Garrett Jacobs.

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The varsity boys' tennis team gets set to square off against their Lowell opponents.

Anthony Belli

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Junior Andrew Wojcik tries a backhand smash in a match earlier this season for the Trojans.

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Sophomore Jon Speakman uses his quickness in order to set up and return this shot.

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Senior Justin Biancardi

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Senior Clayton Savage

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Freshman Jordan Cox

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Junior Dru Kitchell

VARSITY BOYS' TENNIS: Merrillville W 3-2, Lake Central L 3-2, South Bend Clay L 4-1, Crown Point L 3-2, Calumet W 5-00, Lowell L 3-2, *Highland Doubles* 4th, Andrean L 4-1, Gavit W 5-0, Munster L 5-0, *Merrillville Tourney* 4th, Griffith W 5-0, *Lake Athletic Conference* 4th, Hobart W 5-0, **Sectional:** Lake Central L 3-2

■ Kitchell wins Sectional Singles Championship

DETERMINATION

With only two returning varsity players, the varsity boys' tennis team knew that it would be a difficult year. The boys began their season with a victory against Merrillville. They showed great pride and determination battling fiercely against their many opponents. Although their season ended in the sectional, the boys knew that they worked hard throughout the season.

"It was a rebuilding year with six out of seven graduating," Coach Jerry Mazur said. "Looking forward to next year."

Junior Dru Kitchell, along with his doubles partner, junior Mike Mazur, were First Team All-Conference selections.

Meanwhile, seniors Anthony Belli and Justin Biancardi were acknowledged as conference honorable mentions.

Team honors went to Kitchell (MVP), Clayton Savage and Belli (Mental Attitude), and Charles Stapke (Most Improved).

Nataly Carrasco & Ashley Kirinch

Leadership keys Highland boys' basketball team AGILITY

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Mike Cieslak

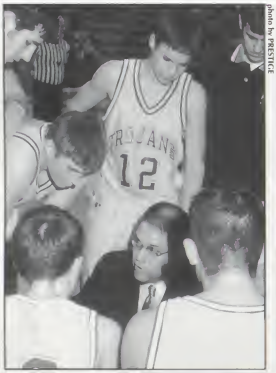
The Highland varsity boys' basketball team featured one of the area's tallest frontline: 6-foot-6 Nick Kane and 6-foot-8 Michael Vavreck.

But the team's outstanding leadership, though, from players like Kane, Jim Michels, Mike Cieslak, and Ben Porter, proved to be an important key to the team's success.

Highland finished with a 10-11 record, losing 40-38 to Hammond Noll in the opening round of the Hammond Sectional. Despite the early tourney exit, Highland had plenty to be proud of by providing a difficult obstacle for Noll to overcome on two other occasions. The highlight of the season no doubt were when the Trojans captured their own Highland Holiday Tourney by defeatingrival, Munster 46-42 in double overtime. It marked the second time Highland had defeated Munster durnig the season.

"I'm real proud of the seniors," second-year coach Doug McCallister said. "We had a diverse group of players who were very unselfish."

Jon Christopersen



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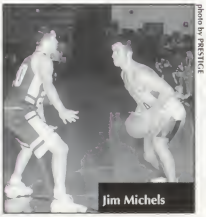
Coach Doug McCallister guides his team to another victory. McCallister has been coaching varsity for two years.



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Jim Michels

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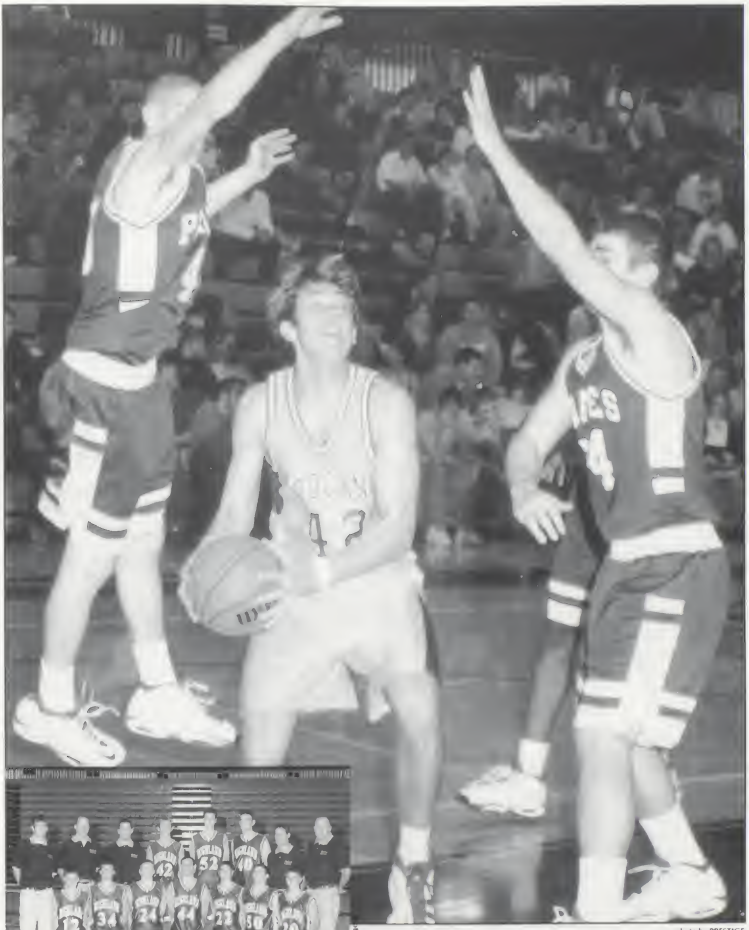
Aaron Bugajski

HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL: Merrillville L 54-26, Munster W 50-48, Hammond High W 72-61, Andrean L 64-51, Hammond Gavit W 49-35, Hobart W 58-42, *Highland Holiday Tourney:* Kankakee Valley W 68-30, Munster W 46-42 2 OT, Hammond Clark W 56-34, Chesterton L 68-39, Griffith L 44-32, Lowell L 42-39, Hammond Noll L 51-42, Hammond Morton L 66-65, Andrean W 54-51, Calumet L 72-63, *LAC Tourney:* Hammond Gavit W 37-32, Hammond L 49-46, *Hammond Sectional:* Hammond Noll L 40-38



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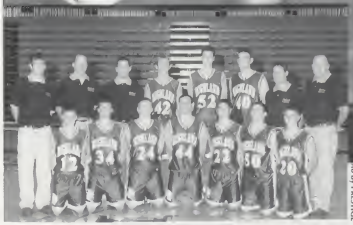
Chris Gavranic rebounds a shot and gets ready to take it strong to the basket. At 6-foot-3, Gavranic naturally was a threat inside, but he was also one of the team's best from 3-point range.



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HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM: Student Assistant Dwight Moser, Coach Ron McFarland, Coach Tom Reynolds, Chris Gavranic, Mike Vavrek, Nick Kane, Coach Doug McCallister, Coach John McDaniel. Front Row: Aaron Bugajski, Bob Lewis, Joel Schmal, James Michels, Joey Peres, Ben Porter Mike Cieslak.

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Junior Mary Sutliff takes the ball up strong in the Trojans' 87-44 win over Hammond Noll.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: Back Row: Georgia Cavvouras, Tara Traczyk, Jessica Hamman, Julie DeMuth, Coach Huppenthal, Jodie Shimanek, Mary Sutliff, Lyndee Arnold, Lindsay Plikuhn Front Row: Michael Mazur, Coach Lisa Breitweiser, Coach Tim Powers, Traci Jerkins, Aimee Stirling, Jennifer Ceislak, Stephanie Wanicki, Coach Joe Farley, Coach Shannon Rivera, David Perez

Lady Trojans advanced to semistate

IMPRESSIVE

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The Lady Trojans

For the first time in four years, the Lady Trojans had been without career scoring leader Jenny DeMuth, who now stars at Indiana University.

However, the team didn't miss a beat, enjoying a highly successful season which included a second straight trip to the semistate.

Naturally, the Lady Trojans went through a bit of an adjustment period and had some difficulties early, losing three of their first five games. But it wasn't long before Highland was one of the area's elite teams heading into the tournament.

Rather than just featuring one player, the Lady Trojans utilized their team play to carry them to yet another impressive season. Highland concluded the year with a 21-6 record, and with a talented cast returning, many good things are expected next year.

Brian Miller & Danielle Pistilli

HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Merrillville W 49-25, South Bend Riley L 54-51, Munster L 46-45, Portage W 50-32, Andrean L 44-39, Lowell W 60-35, Hobart W 47-37, Griffith W 40-22, Crown Point L 35-26, Hammond Gavit W 44-37, Penn W 44-35, Hammond Noll W 87-44, Chesterton W 45-43 OT, Hammond Morton W 63-19, Lake Central W 44-40, Munster W 40-31, *Chicagoland Shootout* vs. Nazareth, Ill. L 55-53, Lafayette Jeff W 59-42, *LAC Tourney* Griffith W 59-40, *LAC Tourney* Munster W 46-28, *LAC Tourney* Hammond Gavit W 63-36, *Highland Sectional* Hammond Clark W 64-15, Hammond Morton W 71-30, Hammond Gavit W 68-32 *Twin Lakes Regional* Tippecanoe Valley W 49-46, Northwestern W 57-47, *Plymouth Semistate* Fort Wayne Luers L 53-41

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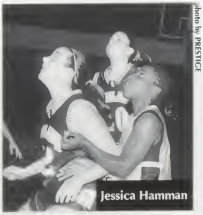
Juniors Lindsay Plikuhn and Tara Traczyk battle for the rebound in Highland's 60-35 win against Lowell.



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Jessica Hamman

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Coach Huppenthal

Girls finish second in sectional

TECHNIQUE

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Highland vs. Crown Point

"Kick! Pull!"

The Highland varsity girls' swim team cheer to show support for each other. With several obstacles to overcome this season, team unity and individual technique were vital. The most difficult hindrance was the fact that there weren't any returning coaches from last season. Head Coach Mike Casey and the swimmers had to adapt to each other before they could succeed as a team.

Another obstruction for the team was the lack of seniors to take charge and be leaders. Even throughout these difficulties, the girls pulled together and ended with a winning season and a second place showing at the sectional meet.

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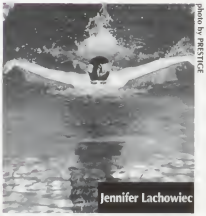
Sophomore Nicole Duran concentrates as she prepares to dive. Duran had an excellent season, ending strong in 23rd place at state.



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Jennifer Lachowiec

Ellie Hansotte & Mindy Kuiper

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Coach Casey & Elise Mihalik

GIRLS' SWIMMING: Chesterton L, Valparaiso L, Munster L, Griffith W, Lake Central L, Calumet W, Merrillville W, Portage L, Crown Point L, Hammond Clark W, Hammond Gavit W, LaPorte L, ***Highland INvite*** 6th, Lowell W, *LAC Meet* 2nd, Hammond Morton W, Hobart W, Michigan City W, ***Sectional Meet*** 2nd

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Sophomores Erin Kennedy and Jayme Saulters cheer on their teammates during an intense race earlier in the season.

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HIGHLAND GIRLS' SWIM TEAM: Back Row: Erika Perez, Katelyn Rodgers, Jayme Saulters, Sarah Jones, Megan DeWier, Sarah Cichy, Alison Austin, Amanda Whitaker, Kara Banister, Nicole Duran, Jen Lachowiec. Middle Row: Coach Mike Casey, Coach Paula Zaberowski, Janna Fett, Sara Matesevac, Ashley Ritz, Brianna O'Keefe, Rachel Strzelinski, Erin Kennedy, Natalie Walker, Coach Terry Special. Bottom Row: Amanda Benko, Melissa Gawlik, Danielle Shelton, Ashley Gaffigan, Jill Odom, Cindy Cieslak, Elise Mihalik.

BOYS' VARSITY SWIMMING: Griffith W 116-64, Munster Invite 4th, Calumet W 125-22, Merrillville W, Portage L 61-40, Lafayette Jeff. W 57-44, Crown Point L107-76, Lake Central L 121-62, Clark W, *Highland Invite* 5th, LaPorte W 106-79, Lowell W 121-64, Valparaiso L 107-78, MortonW, Hobart W 133-52, *LAC Meet* 2nd, Chesterton L 112-71, Munster L, *Sectional* 2nd place

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Junior Nathan Pappas takes his position. He has been one of the many key swimmers on the team this year.

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HIGHLAND BOYS' SWIM TEAM: Front row: Andy Crist, Billy Cole, Mark Augustyn, Ken McDillon, Middle row: Coach Mike Casey, Coach Paula Zabarowski, Coach Terry Specyal, Dave Bustamonte, Nathan Pappas, Jeff Linn, Sean Fox, Nick Castillo, Kevin Thomas, Back row: Dan Mihalik, Dan Hejmej, David Peterson, Mark Popovich, Chris Castillo, Jon Rassel, Domenic Certa, John Sander, Stephen Kroslack

Boys send six athletes to State meet

PROPELLING

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Mark Augustyn

The Highland varsity boys' swimming team got off to a rough start this year due to the departure of several senior swimmers. The team planned to make up for that loss with the talent of senior Domenic Certa, junior Sean Fox, and sophomore Nick Castillo.

The Hurricanes got off to a good start this season with victories over Griffith and Calumet, but then they lost several meets. But despite the early setbacks, the team prepared to go all the way in the post season.

Overall, Highland finished with an 8-6 record, including a 2nd place finish at the LAC meet and a 2nd place finish at sectional.

Certa, along with juniors Nathan Pappas, Chris Castillo, Fox, and David Peterson, and sophomore Nick Castillo all qualified for the state meet in Indianapolis.

This is good news as most of these state qualifiers will be back next year to lead the team.

Tim Scoleri

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Huddle up! The team's getting pumped for another meet.

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Kevin Thomas

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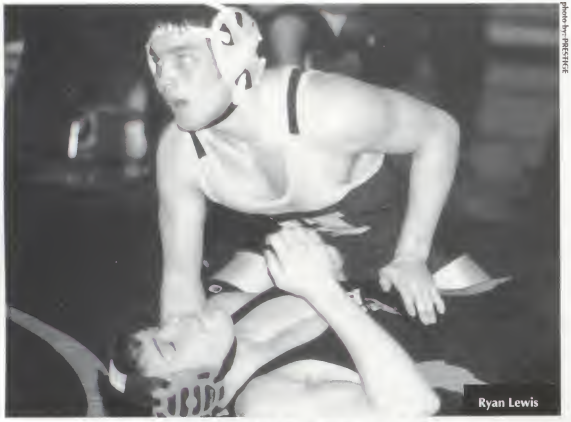
David Peterson

Team wins conference championship

VISION QUEST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Ryan Lewis

The Highland Trojans' wrestling team jumped into the 2001-2002 season with a pretty good start. Senior captains Ryan Lewis and Bruce Bush, along with junior captain Chris Orban, led the team to victory this year.

"I hope to follow in my older brother's footsteps this season," Orban said. "I wore his wrestling shoes from last year for good luck."

Starting off this season the wrestlers, under the guidance of coaches Mr. Mike Poynter and Mr. John Bognar, welcomed new coach Mr. Kevin Bachinski.

Although this sport requires so much strength and endurance, the team never gave up, practicing before and after school. These guys really know the true meaning of hard work and dedication.

Several wrestlers had a strong season, including semistate qualifiers Chris Krakowiak, Lewis, Orban, Chuck Puntillo, and Matt Yuknis. By virtue of his performance at the semistate, Lewis reached the state finals.

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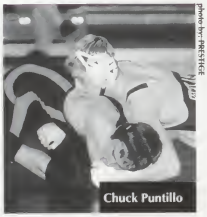
Victory... how sweet it is! Senior Bruce Bush gets his arm raised after defeating his Munster rival.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Chuck Puntillo

Alycia Smith & Monica Mroz

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Chris Orban

HIGHLAND VARSITY WRESTLING: Valparaiso Super Duals 12th, Calumet W, Harvest Classic 3rd, Griffith W, Traicoff Tourney 8th, Lowell W, Lake Central L, Merrillville W, Penn L, Columbia City L, Hammond Noll L, Munster L, Lake County Tourney 2nd, L.A.C. Dual Tourney 2nd, L.A.C. Individual Tourney 1st, Sectional 2nd

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Smile for the camera! Showing much intensity, junior Greg Okamoto is seconds away from pinning his opponent.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM: Back Row: Coach Mike Poynter, Steve Wagner, Andy Zrnchik, Bruce Bush, Coach John Bognar. Middle Row: Chuck Puntillo, Ryan Lewis, Matt Yuknis, Greg Okamoto, Carmello Gonzales, Chris Orban. Front Row: Fernando Martinez, Nick Yuknis, Chris Krakowiak, Brian Andree, Jacob Sobota.

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Junior Bryanne Howe performs during halftime of a home varsity boys' basketball game.

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HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL DANZ TEAM: Back Row: Brooke Torrenga, Andrea Allen, Cora Sknerski, Jennifer Dewier, Kristen Wilcynski, Stephanie Vandiver, Natalie Litera, Carrie Martinez, Maritza Cordova. Middle: Dana Wilkins, Amy Nimetz. Front: Katrina Jensen, Bryanne Howe.

Danz Team takes second in state competition

SPIRIT

Danz Team awaits their performance

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Talent, effort, skill, spirit, discipline. These are just a few of the characteristics of what it takes to be part of the Highland Danz Team.

For those of you who think that our Danz Team is all beauty, bodies, and dance moves, then you are mistaken. This is a group of girls who devote their time to early morning, late afternoon, and weekend practices. They are the elite few who were chosen to represent our school and who have endured grueling conditioning and tryouts. Not only do they perform their outstanding dance routines during halftime at every home varsity boys' basketball game, they also participate in competitions to demonstrate their moves, and to improve their skills.

This group, in fact, advanced to the state competition by placing second at the grueling regional level. And at the state level, the girls placed second in their division to culminate a highly successful season.

Ashley Kirinch & Shelly Seitzinger

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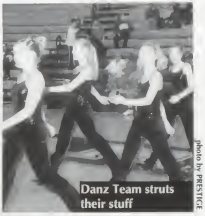
The Danz Team participated in the Homecoming Parade.



Danz Team struts their stuff

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We've got spirit, Yes we do!

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Practice makes perfect

ENTHUSIASM

photo by: Dave Lubawski

Tailgate

From football to basketball, our Highland High School cheerleaders are always there with smiling faces and positive attitudes. They not only use their positive attitudes at games, but they also encourage the young girls who admire them at cheer camp.

Whether our team is winning or losing, you can count on our cheerleaders to lift our spirits. These girls are as dedicated as any athlete and work just as hard. The girls showed this at their competition this year.

Cheerleading is not just all fun and games; it requires a lot of practice and teamwork.

GO H-H-S!

Nataly Carrasco & Rachael Reed

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Senior Nicole Hall works hard and has fun.

photo by: Dave Lubawski

Teamwork

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Amanda Moskalick

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Senior Amy Thomas and junior Holly Vanderpool cheer for victory.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Top Row: Corrine Jayne, Amy Thomas, Stefanie Bowen, Nicole Hall, Nicole Bader, Emily Little, and Sarah Warner. Middle Row: Lauren Towasnicki, Holly Vanderpool, Coach Jodi Stevens, Jennifer Geary, and Ashley Volbrech. Bottom Row: Stacy Wilson and Amanda Moskalick.

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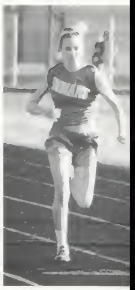
Jill Odom



Junior Lyndee Arnold helps freshman Jill Odom stretch before a meet. It's a good thing to have a friend.

ENERGETIC

Hard work pays off for Trojans

The Highland varsity girls' track team has proven themselves both excellent and hard working – a great combination. They finished 2nd in the conference meet, which was a place higher than the previous year. "The team worked extremely hard and I had a great time," junior Laura Daley said.

In her first season, MVP Jill Odom helped the team make it to regionals. Although the team was very young, they ran hard and gave it their all.

Coach Tom Reynolds added: "We hope to challenge Munster for the girls' conference championship next season. The girls did a great job ..."

MANDY ZACHMEIER

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Amanda Moskalick

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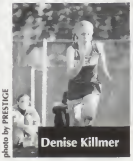
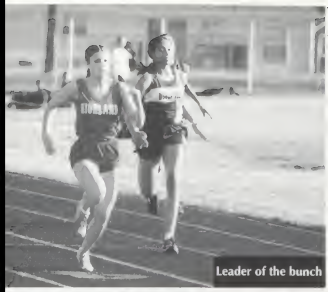


Denise Killmer

HIGHLAND GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD: Valparaiso L, Portage L, Boone Grove W, *Indoor Conference*: 3rd, Merrillville L, Lake Central L, Hammond Noll L, Hammond High W, *Lake Central Invite*: 2nd, Lake Central L, Crown Point L, Hammond Morton W, Hammond High W, Hammond Noll W, Lowell W, Lake Station W, Hammond Clark W, *Highland Invite*: 2nd, *LAC Meet*: 2nd, ***Sectional***: 3rd, ***Regional***: 25th



Leader of the bunch

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Karen Jelski

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Lyndee Arnold

Jumping for glory ... Hurdle after hurdle, Junior Laura Daley takes them all on.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD TEAM:Bottom: Sarah Jones, Denise Killmer, Jamie Toren, Amanda Moskalick, Mallory Greene, Jen Lachowiec, Blanca Calderon. 2ndRow: Coach Tom Reynolds, Mysoon Isa, Ali Szymanski, Wendy Jo Svetanoff, Stephanie Reed, Jen Sknerski, Cindy Cieslak, Assistant Coach Joseph Tolliver. 3rd Row: Gina Rayson, Brooke Johnson, Rachel Strzelinski, Karen Jelski, Lindsay Pfikuhn, Brianna O'Keefe, Assistant Coach Jen Govert. Top: Lauren Hallahan, Lyndee Arnold, Alison Austin, Kristen Misner, Jill Odom, Laura Daley.

Chris Castillo

photo by PRESTICE

Junior Jason Douthett gets ready as the relay is about to begin.

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Adam Salinas

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HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' TRACK TEAM: Front Row: Adam Zatorski, Keith Nelson, Adam Schechner, Nick Castillo, Ryan Hall, John Fenchak, Jake Sobota, Jordan Cox, Greg Porras. Second Row: Coach Carlos Aburto, Nick Newland, Matt Gutierrez, Kevin Pete, Chris Ellis, Kevin Frazier, Steve Zacny, Kevin Popovich, Josh Jabczynski, Coach Eric Miller. Third Row: Corey Anderson, Brian Jacobs, Jon Sapyta, Anthony Belli, Dan Vaughan, Dan Mihalik, Jon Cox, George Hillier, Dan Moynihan. Fourth Row: Josh Fleishman, Matt Hasler, Adam Salinas, Kyle Hawkins, Paul Segal, Richard Hayes, Kevin Theobald, Peter Hamang. Top Row: Matt Gauthier, Dan Hejmej, Jason Douthett, Dwight Moser, John Barr, Mike Kincaid, Clayton Savage, Ryan Hayes, Ben Ross.

Nick Fleishman

Senior Dan Moynihan zips up after finishing up another excellent run for the team.

HIGHLAND BOYS' TRACK: *Indoor Conference Meet 2nd, Lake Central Invite 3rd,* Lake Central L, Crown Point L, Hammond Morton W, Hammond High W, Hammond Noll W, Lowell W, Lake Station W, Hammond Clark W, *Highland Invite 1st, Calumet Invite 5th, LAC Meet 3rd, Sectional 3rd*

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Dan Hejmej

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PROFICIENT

Barr earns 7th place at state meet

photo by PRESTICE

The Highland boys' track and field team had an excellent season, placing 3rd or higher in more than four meets this year, including taking 3rd at the LAC meet.

In addition, in their winning season, they also took top team honors at the Highland Invite, and they also sent junior John Barr to state in the high jump.

"I am proud that I did so well, a lot better than I thought I would do," said Barr, who placed 7th in high jump at state, "The competition was great."

Many of these top athletes will return next year with the hope to make next season even more successful.

TINA DOZIER

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Dan Mihalik

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Telly Ponousis

Brian Tom signals a thumbs up to the ever present media and their cameras.

INFALLIBLE

HHS golfers set their sights high

Golf is a very gratifying Spring sport for Highland High School. The balls go up, up, and away. With stealth-like coaching and the skills for working like a team, the Highland golf team is an unbeatable machine. With a good record, and a great season, the friends, fans, and parents of the golf team are overflowing with spirit and anticipation of the seasons to come.

The golf team has proved worthy to wear the pride of the Trojan.

TODD MILLER &
GREG MCKNIGHT

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HHS Golf Team

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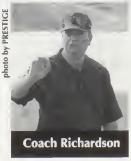

Coach Richardson

HIGHLAND GOLF: Whiting W, Lake Station W, Griffith W, Calumet W, Portage L, Hammond High W, Valparaiso L, Hammond Morton W, Andrean L, Hammond Clark W, Lowell W, *Rensselaer Invite:* 8th, Hammond Gavit W, Munster L, *Ubbele LaPorte Invite:* 15th, Hammond Noll W

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Charlie Stapke & Telly Panousis

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Ben Porter

Brian Tom

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Senior Josh Wadkins tees off at a match earlier in the season.

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HIGHLAND GOLF TEAM: Standing (left to right): Coach Richardson, Adam Haughee, Mike Mazur, Josh Wadkins, Kyle Hogavene, Ben Porter, Charlie Stapke, and Alex Robertson. Kneeling (left to right): Chris Wantroba, Garret Jacobs, Telly Panousis, Matt Colias, and Josh Schafer.

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Heather Kristy, Aimee Stirling, & Amanda Whitaker

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Ashley Volbrecht takes time out between matches to show off her cool racket.

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Coach Adam Baez shows off his tennis skills so that the team can learn and follow in his footsteps.

Katie Craig & Sam Herman

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Junior Megan DeWier and sophomore Jessica Shive take in all the action .

HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS: Merrillville L, Portage W, Chesterton L, Hobart W, Lake Central L, Crown Point L, Munster L, Andrean L, Hammond Noll W, Hammond Gavit W, Calumet W, Lowell L, Valparaiso L, Griffith W, *LAC Tourney:* Hammond Noll L, Lake Central W, Calumet W, Lake Station W

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Amanda Whitaker

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Jamie Conces

SWIFT

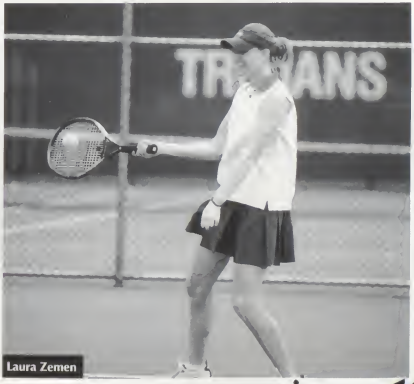
Highland girls' tennis squad displays pride

Highland High School's varsity girls' tennis had not only the determination to be the best they could be, they also had the speed, agility, and perserverance to achieve their goals.

With top players Amanda and Heather Kristy, and partners Aimee Stirling and Laura Zemen, the girl's team pushed the limits of the sport.

"We did a lot better than I thought we would! We are above 500," Stirling said.

DAVE LUBARSKI



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Laura Zemen

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Game winning advice

Sophomore Anne Kvarta is in position to make a play from her infield position. Defense is definitely a key in any softball game.

FEARLESS

Team wins conference championship

The varsity girls' softball team had a tremendous year, finishing with a brilliant 19-5 record. Guided by the coaching of Ms. Jen Banas and Mr. Scott Carlson, the Trojans were among the area's elite softball teams. They went up fearlessly against many opponents and came back with many victories. These girls stepped up to the plate and made every swing count.

Additionally, many of these girls will return to make next year's team even more promising.

NATALY CARRASCO

photo by PRESTIGE

Big D No E!

photo by PRESTIGE

Seniors

HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' SOFTBALL: Hobart W 5-1, Hammond Noll W 2-0, Portage W 1-0, Griffith W 3-0, Hammond High W 8-4, Lake Station W 15-3, Whiting W 2-0, Calumet W 13-3, Lafayette Jeff L 2-0, Lafayette Harrison W 1-0, Boone Grove W 9-8, Hammond Morton W 1-0, ***Highland Invite:*** ***Hammond Noll W 7-0, Lafayette Harrison W 3-2,*** Lake Central L 7-1, Andrean L 5-0, Hammond Clark W 12-4, Lowell W 2-0, Hammond Gavit W 8-3, Chesterton L 3-2, Munster W 4-1, Crown Point L 8-3, ***Sectional: Munster W 1-0, East Chicago W 16-0, Lake Central L 1-0***

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Sophomore Stephanie Zimny

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Senior Jackie Velasco

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Junior Tara Traczyk

Junior Ashlee Alumbaugh throws the winning save.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM: Top Row: Coach Scott Carlson, Ashlee Alumbaugh, Katie Lewis, Sheri Foust, Tara Traczyk, and Coach Jen Banas. Middle Row: Jackie Velasco, Stephanie Zimny, Tracey Cable, Kathy Renfrow, and Anne Kvarta. Bottom Row: Sarah Barney, Sarah Swinford, Marina Aburto, Heather Zuhl, and Lindsay Gotch. Not pictured: Kerri Hess and Jackie Renfrow

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Bob Lewis

Erik Chappell, a sophomore, plays catcher. He alternates with Billy Farrenkopf.

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HIGHLAND VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM: Dave Blahnik, Chris Gavranic, Brandon Fieldhouse, Dave Michniewicz, Brian Pennington, Joel Schmal, Bob Lewis, Steve Pry, Coach Miller, Coach Bogner, James McAvoy, Chris Johansen, Erik Chappell, Bill Metzen, Aaron Bugajski, Kris Boyd

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Kris Boyd

James McAvoy takes a slide back to first base after the pitcher tried to throw him out. McAvoy plays the outfield on defense.

HIGHLAND VARSITY BASEBALL: Griffith W 5-4, Gary Roosevelt W 11-1, Crown Point W 3-2, Griffith L 3-0, Hammond High W 9-5, Lake Station W 20-3, Wheeler W 7-2, Whiting W 14-4, Calumet W 8-1, *Munster Classic: Merrillville* W 5-1, *Kankakee Valley* 5-3, Lake Central L 7-1, East Chicago Central W 12-1, Hammond Morton W 13-3, Andrean L 9-8, Hammond Clark L 3-1, Lowell L 3-2, Hammond Gavit W 6-0, Munster L 3-2, Hammond Noll W 8-0, Merrillville L 6-4, *LAC Tourney: Hammond Morton W 3-0, Griffith L 1-0*, Valparaiso L 6-3, Portage L 4-3, Michigan City L 3-1, *Sectional: Hammond Clark W 5-0, Hammond Noll L 6-4*

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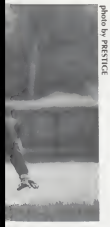
Brian Pennington

PASSION

Hitting It Off

Joel Schmal



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The Highland varsity baseball team finished with a 16-12 record this year. The captains were Brian Pennington, Chris Gavranic, and Steve Pry.

The season presented numerous challenges since this year's team was not returning with as much depth and experience as previous years. The challenge was triumphed though when players stepped up, led by Gavranic, who played third base, and Kris Boyd, who played the outfield.

"The team struggled with hitting, but we had great strength in our good kids who wanted to get better," Coach Miller said.

JON CHRISTOPHERSEN

Chris Gavranic

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Highland Freshmen/JV athletes

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HIGHLAND JV CHEERLEADERS: BACK ROW: Krystle Krucek, Alison Kostelich, Stacy Wilson, Meghan Palm. MIDDLE ROW: Megan Hassler, Coach Meghan Boik, Jennifer Dvorscak. FRONT ROW: Harmony Durocher, Julie Reed.

HIGHLAND FRESHMAN CHEERLEADING: BACK ROW: Saundra Bremer, Jacqueline Molina, Bethany Paganelli, Coach Jen Stang. MIDDLE ROW: Heather Lane, Jennifer Sinclair, Samantha Bogusz. FRONT ROW: Stephanie Opolisi.

HIGHLAND JV BOYS' BASKETBALL: BACK ROW: Student Assistant Bubba Moser, Dan Plonczynski, Neal Peterson, Gary Simkus, Andy Locke, Mike Michelin, Coach Ron McFarland. FRONT ROW: Kris Boyd, Eric Martinez, Kevin Frazier, Brett Bach, Matt Winston, Ahmed Issa, Billy Metzen.

HIGHLAND FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL: BACK ROW: Alex Matusik, Chris Ellis, Matt Gauthier, Ryan Hayes, David Groen, Coach Tom Reynolds. MIDDLE ROW: Jacob Cole, Justin Richards, Kevin Pete, Mike Hulen, Mario Rodriguez, Steve Smailis. FRONT ROW: Jeff Fenchak, Chris Wantroba, Josh Figueroa, Tom Kunz, Juan Torres, Sam Porter.

HIGHLAND JV GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: BACK ROW: Coach Lisa Breitweiser, Coach Sparks, Natalie Fritz, Jessica Shive, Andrea Cloe, Carly Malecki, Kathy Renfrow, Jessica Mcfarlane, Jody Shimanek, Coach Denise Rossa. FRONT ROW: Geneva Garcia, Bobby Gonzalez, Stephanie Vandiver, Amanda Kristy.

HIGHLAND FRESHMAN GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: BACK ROW:Coach Lisa Breitweiser, Andrea Cloe, Amy Kovacs, Janna Felt, Stephanie Vandiver, Emily Cieslak, Kathy Renfrow, Michele Mileusnich. FRONT ROW: Jackie Foy, Katie Quinn, Katie Craig, Jen Miller, Sarah Haynes. Not Pictured: Nikki Markley.

HIGHLAND JV GIRLS' SOCCER: BACK ROW: Ashley Ritz, Danielle Bennett, Brooke Torrenga, Jenny Dewier, Brianna O'Keefe, Jenny Nelson, Coach Mark Tanis. MIDDLE ROW: Danielle Shelton, Amy Nieckula, Ellie Hansotte, Jessica Livingston, Sarah Barney, Ashley Gaffigan. FRONT ROW: Victoria Gatlin, Nicole Duran, Lisa Stiglitz, Amy Guined, Bryanne Howe.

HIGHLAND JV BOYS' SOCCER: BACK ROW: Manny Cordova, John Frisby, Mark Trznadel, John Mouratides, Bryann Carr. MIDDLE ROW: Chris Ellis, Josh Fleishman, Mike Kelley, Kevin Pete, Steve Smailis, Nathan Techentin. FRONT ROW: Steve Wesolek, Eric Cashen, Ryan Bucken, Sam Porter. Not Pictured: Justin Gamble.

HIGHLAND JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL: BACK ROW: Coach Breitweiser, Kristen Misner, Jody Shimanek, Katie Lewis. MIDDLE ROW: Stephanie Zimny, Jessica McFarlene, Georgieann Michels, Kathy Siska, Laura Daley. FRONT ROW: Emily Cieslak, Anna Kvarta, Lisa Stiglitz, Geneva Garcia.

HIGHLAND FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL: BACK ROW: Gina Rayson, Michele Mileusnich, Chelsea Groh, Brittany Vesci, Coach Shannon Rivera. FRONT ROW: Jenny Miller, Kaite Craig, Heather Serwacki, Andrea Cloe, Natalie Dmitrovich, Ali Szymanski.

HIGHLAND JV SOFTBALL TEAM: BACK ROW: Coach Shannon Rivera, Ashley Snowdon, Bobbie Gonzalez, Natalie Fritz, Lisa Biernacki, Jennifer Sinclair, Megan Gullickson. MIDDLE ROW: Carly Malecki, Sarah Woodbury, Lisa Stiglitz, Heather Serwacki, Julie Brackett, Marisa Pepelea. FRONT ROW: Jayme Saulters, Stephanie Vandiver, Renae Kondrat, Sarah Haynes, Lisa Ditto, Laurel Korbel.

Freshman cheerleader Jennifer Sinclair is "gettin' jiggy with it" at the tailgate party.

Freshman Sammy Herman gets ready to hit the ball in her tennis match.

Highland Frosh/JV athletes

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Stacy Wilson and Julie Reed take a break to watch the football game.

Concentrating on the ball, freshman Kevin Pete is determined to score a goal.

Sophomore Geneva Garcia gets some tennis tips from her coach Mr. Baez.

Sophomore Nathaniel Techentin suits up to play goalie in his j.v. soccer game.

Casting a Shadow...

People...

GETTIN' TO KNOW YOU

–Freshman year ... when high school looks like a maze, and the other students seem a zillion times older than you. Nervous and scared, you wander the halls like a lost puppy, searching for your hidden classes. You cast a shadow on your own lives, creating your destiny... preparing for your future!

–Sophomore and Junior year ... stuck in the middle of the sandwich. Pulled between innocence and adulthood. Making the best of what life has in store for you. Getting your license, first car, first job ... maybe even your first kiss. These years are full of memories you'll never forget.

–Senior year ... a new chapter of your life is beginning, and the future has finally arrived. Making college plans, life plans ... choosing where you will cast your shadow!

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Shelly Seitzinger

Katie Craig

Senior & Junior... Larissa Lopez & Katie Shurlow "cast their shadow" on the yearbook staff by playing some "dress up" in their free time. Don't worry mom, it's only pretend!

Senior, Kerri Hess "cast her shadow" on her peers by setting a great example. She is a hard worker, and a kind girl!

Friends forever!

Casting a Shadow

People

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Superintendent

Dr. Judith DeMuth
Asst. Superintendent

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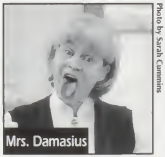

Mrs. Damasius

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Mr. Carlson

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The people you interact with everyday at school leave an impression on you whether you realize it or not. This impression can be good or bad, but no matter what, it develops your character and molds you as a person. The teachers and administration at Highland High School play a major role in developing life-long traits that are instilled in the students' minds.

This year, the faculty used a new approach to try to "build character" in the students. Each month, a new banner was displayed around the school to represent a different quality which is important to daily life. These skills included: respect, responsibility, self-discipline, caring, perseverance, loyalty, honesty, trustworthiness, and teamwork. Characteristics like these are especially essential when students enter into the "real world" after high school. Although these efforts might be taken for granted, when we reach that point of maturity, the School Town of Highland's hard work to present these values will be greatly appreciated.

BY: ELLIE HANSOTTE & MINDY KUIPER

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Computer whiz
Mr. Huber enters grades into his computer. Like many teachers, this way of grading has largely replaced the old gradebook system.

Ms. Szymanski

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Mrs. Evelyn Adams
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Mrs. Nancy Backes
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Mr. Adam Baez
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Mrs. Debbie Clements
English

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Science

Mrs. Geneie Dilts
Special Education

Mr. Tom Doukas
Japanese

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Mr. Steve Edwards
Social Studies

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Science

Mrs. Debbie Ferguson
Office Personnel

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Mathematics

Mr. Jeff Foss
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Social Studies

Mr. Ed Fultz
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Mr. Jan Gardner
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Attendance Office

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Mr. Chris Huppenthal
Mathematics

Mrs. Suzan Huppenthal
Social Studies

Mr. Darrell Jones
Mathematics

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Greeter

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Spanish

Mrs. Molly Kappes
Speech/Journalism

Mrs. Charlotte Kessler
Mathematics

Mr. Gary Kilburn
Librarian

Mrs. Margaret Leahy
Spanish

Mrs. Cindy Leber
Mathematics

Mr. Randall Lemon
English

Mr. Phil Loos
Orchestra

Mr. William Martin
English

Mr. Jerry Mazur
Science

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Mr. Marc Ryser
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Mr. Bill Thegze
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Hayat
Al-Khalidi

Brandon
Alonzo

Lynette
Amick

Mark
Augstyn

Christopher
Bailey

Angela
Baker

Shannon
Ball

Brandon
Basila

Amanda
Benko

Michael
Bewley

Tawny
Bloomer

Samantha
Bogusz

Jennifer
Borg

Sarah
Brack

Julie
Brackett

Joshua
Bradley

Stephanie
Brass

Saundra
Bremer

Sarah
Bugaski

Amanda
Bulow

Katrina
Burke

Stephen
Bush

Scott
Cauner

Kristen
Carrier

These freshmen girls enjoy themselves at their first Homecoming.

Nick Ferguson

Steven Bush

Freshmen

Eric
Cashen

Michael
Chavez

Allen
Choate

Michael
Chun

Ashley
Ciehon

Timothy
Ciciora

Cynthia
Cieslak

Emily
Cieslak

Andrea
Cloc

Ashley
Clousing

Jacob
Cole

Rachel
Conlee

Jordan
Cox

Kaitlin
Craig

Andrew
Crist

Daniel
Crook

Michael
De Avila

Lauran
Detterline

Jennifer
Dewier

Natalie
Dmitrovich

Christopher
Ellis

Lisa
Eriks

Jeffery
Fenchak

Robert
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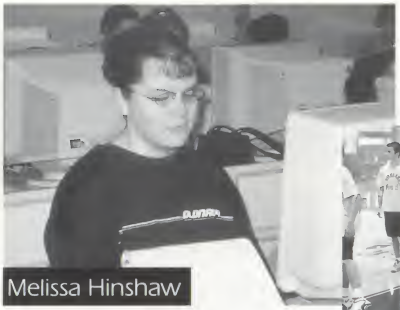
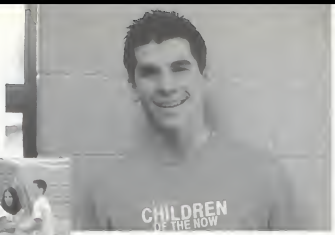


Melissa Hinshaw

Tim Mitchell



Freshman Phil Meyer shows off his T-shirt which promotes his favorite band.

Ashley
Gaffigan

Justin
Gamble

Michael
Garcia

Martin
Garza

Matthew
Gauthier

Melissa
Gawlik

Mallory
Greene

Brittnee
Gresser

Lauren
Griffin

David
Groen

Chelsea
Groh

Amy
Guined

Davor
Gusak

Matthew
Hamang

Megan
Hasler

Joseph
Hauer

Ryan
Hayes

Brian
Haynes

Sarah
Haynes

Elizabeth
Helfen

Samantha
Herman

Stefanie
Hernadez

Francis
Higgins

Brian
Hillier

Melissa
Hinshaw

Michael
Hulen

Yasmin
Issa

Abra
Jacobs

Katrina
Jensen

Cassie
Johnson

Michelle
Johnson

Benjamin
Jurczak

Jonathan
Karpince

Kristen
Kelley

Kylie
Kemp

Stephanie
Killmer

Nicholas
Koonce

Amy
Kovacs

Greggory
Kraly

Thomas
Kunz

Shawn
Laborde

Timothy
Lackhouse

Nicole
Ladwig

Heather
Lane

Brandon
Lapine

Andrew
Lelito

Katherine
Likander

Margaret
Liston

Kyle
Longfellow

James
Lowry

Ruben
Luna

Eric
Mackey

Brendan
Magrady

David
Mankin

Andrew
Mansfield

Nicole
Markley

Curtis
Mason

Erica
Massey

Kristen
Matushek

Alex
Matusik

Jacklyn
Max

Kelly
McAvoy

Brian
McCord

Kenneth
McDillon

Jessica
McFarlane

Sarah
McKinnie

Justin
Melcarek

Zachary
Messmer

Philip
Meyer

Elise
Mihalik

Michele
Milcusnich

Jennifer
Miller

Keith
Mills

Mila
Milovac

Joshua
Moes

Jaqueline
Molina

Ryan
Moore

Jennifer
Morales

John
Mouratides

Madalin
Murovic

Colleen
Musielak

Nikole
Noble

Alexander
Novak

Kyle
Nyiri

Nicole Orr and Nikole Noble work on their assignment.

Adam Seliger and Jason Gilge

Ryan Hayes

Freshmen

Jillian
Odom

Manuel
Olivas

Mitchell
Onda

Stephanie
Opolski

Nicole
Orr

Michael
Padilla

Bethany
Paganelli

Danielle
Patton

Anthony
Perez

Raquel
Perez

Andrew
Piccirilli

Vanja
Pistalo

Amanda
Pizer

Samuel
Porter

Katherine
Quinn

Jacqueline
Rada

Gina
Rayson

Kathleen
Renfrow

Justin
Richards

Corinne
Rios

Matthew
Rivera

Alex
Robertson

Mario
Rodriguez

Aaron
Ross

Erica
Rozenich

Joshua
Schafer

Rachel
Scheeringa

Jeremy
Schmidt

Theresa
Schmidt

Adam
Seliger

2001-2002

Freshmen at lunch

Abra Jacobs

The freshman class work on their Homecoming float for the annual parade.

Heather **Serwacki**

Danielle **Shelton**

Jaimie **Shepardson**

Jay **Sherby**

Steven **Shotts**

Joe **Sierra**

Richard **Silaj**

Cherron **Simes**

Jennifer **Sinclair**

Paul **Sink**

Cassi **Siska**

Steven **Smailis**

Brian **Smith**

Jennifer **Smith**

Nicole **Snodgrass**

Ashley **Snowdon**

Nesreen **Soboh**

Shereen **Soboh**

Jamie **Spencer**

Michael **Stasi**

Raymond **Stoll**

Michelle **Stooksbury**

Alexandra **Szymanski**

Justin **Talkington**

Stephanie **Thompson**

Daniela **Todorcevic**

Katrina **Todorcevic**

Lauren **Toth**

Christopher **Travis**

Paul **Trgovich**

Jeffery **Tucker**

Lindsay **Turner**

Kimberly **Urbanek**

Stephanie **Vandiver**

Breanne **Vassar**

Brittany **Vesel**

Emily **Vuckovich**

Mallory **Wanicki**

Christopher **Wantroba**

Matthew **Warner**

Jessica **Weaver**

Patricia **Whitener**

Kristen **Wilczynski**

Darien **Wilkins**

Amanda **Wilson**

Michael **Witham**

Anthony **Wogan**

Robyn **Wolak**

Sarah **Woodbury**

Nicholas **Yuknis**

Derek **Zabinski**

Stephen **Zaeny**

Ashley **Zukauskas**

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Freshmen 2001-2002

Michael
Absher

Marina
Aburto

Sean
Adam

Cassandra
Akim

Corey
Anderson

Tracey
Anderson

Stephanie
Andres

Jonathan
Arredondo

Brett
Bach

Rebecca
Bach

Adam
Baker

Timothy
Barany

Lisa
Barlog

Rachael
Barrix

Danielle
Bennett

Kyle
Bennett

Colleen
Benson

Lisa
Biernacki

Brian
Bodamer

Andrew
Bodie

Meghan
Bodie

Andrew Bodie chows down in the cafeteria on a delicious cake.

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Renee
Bogusz

Natasha
Boilek

Lindsey
Borg

Lisa Biernacki

photo by Sarah Cummins

Paris Gillespie

photo by Dave Lubarski

Sophomores

Mathew
Boroughs

Kristopher
Boyd

Jeanette
Brass

Alexandra
Bujaki

Jade
Burley

Lincoln
Butler

Thomas
Campbell

Tiffany
Carlisle

Robert
Carney

Bryan
Carr

Joseph
Casner

Nicholas
Castillo

Georgia
Cavvouras

Erik
Chappell

De Anna
Christ

William
Cole

Mathew
Colias

Christopher
Conces

Jamie
Conces

Allison
Cooper

Manuel
Cordova

Pedro
Cortez

Mark
Crist

Jonathan
Culp

Jessica
Dahlkamp

Erik
Daniel

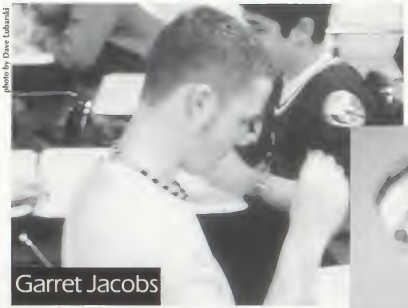
Jordan
Delrio

Amanda
Devine

Jessica
DeBoer

Julie
DeMuth

2001-2002



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Elise Martinelli and Brianna O'Keefe chill out in the cafeteria with some friends after eating lunch.

Ashley **Dillard**

Karen **Doe**

Jason **Douthett**

Katie **Downey**

Nicole **Duran**

Harmony **Durocher**

Jennifer **Dvorscak**

Elie **Elias**

Stephen **Faught**

John **Fenchak**

Joshua **Fleishman**

John **Frisby**

Natalie **Fritz**

Marc **Fuller**

Meredith **Furnas**

Geneva **Garcia**

Ryan **Gerenda**

Bobbie **Gonalez**

Megan **Gulliekson**

Mathew **Gutierrez**

Lisa **Gyure**

Valerie **Haenny**

Ryan **Hall**

Peter **Hamang**

Richard
Hanft

Ellie
Hansotte

Adam
Haughee

Pamela
Hedrick

Roy
Hobbs

Angela
Hurtt

Amanda
Hutsler

Garret
Jacobs

Jake
Jung

Michael
Kelley

Erin
Kennedy

Dean
Kessler

Jesse
Knox

Renae
Kondrat

Amanda
Kristy

Krystle
Krueck

Mindy
Kuiper

Anne
Kvarta

Jennifer
Lachowice

Matthew
Lambert

Rebekah
Langel

Christina
Lannin

Jacob
Latham

Edward
Leal

Amber
Lemon

Katrina
Lewis

Samantha
Lewis

Jenna
Leyba

Jennifer
Likander

Jeffrey
Linn

Jessica
Livingston

Stefanie
Lopez

Sarah
Lounges

Ian
Luketich

Chirag
Makwana

Carly
Maleeki

Jacob
Margraf

Elise
Martinelli

Eric
Martinez

Sara
Matesevac

Patrick
Maves

Ashley
Mayer

William
Mayer

Nicole
Melcish

Bryan
Mejan

Steven
Mellendorf

Johnathan
Metcalf

Georgieann
Michels

Thomas
Mis

Veronica
Montelcone

Sean
Mortimer

Amanda
Moskaliek

Marissa
Mroz

Grace
Murphy

Christopher
Nelson

Jennifer
Nelson

Amy
Niceknla

Nicholas
Nowell

Adam
Nyiri

Brianna
O'Keefe

Lindsey Frets and Renae Konderat hang out in the Commons.

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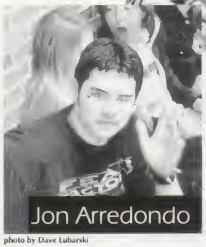

Jon Arredondo

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Rob Poore

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Sophomores

Alyssa
Pagan

Meghan
Palm

Michael
Pantaleo

Rahel
Parker

Kathleen
Pena

Marisa
Pepelea

Erika
Perez

Daniel
Plonczynski

Robert
Poore

Matthew
Prather

Patrick
Quail

Ann
Reimer

Ashley
Ritz

Sophia
Rivera

Katelyn
Rodgers

Gabriel
Rodriguez

Sophia
Rodriguez

Benjamin
Ross

Mark
Rushakoff

Jacob
Saezawa

Ashley
Salaz

Shelly
Santana

Jonathan
Sapyta

Jayme
Saulters

Adam
Scheelner

Scott
Scheeringa

Charles
Schwader

Andrew
Shantz

Jody
Shimanek

Jessica
Shive

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Adam Nyiri

Robert Carney

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Colin Magiziarz works on his art project. He is shading his picture which requires time and precision.

Gary **Simkus**

Adam **Smith**

Douglas **Smith**

John **Speakman**

Jonathan **Speck**

Charles **Stapke**

Allison **Starosesak**

Patrick **Steele**

Philip **Stenger**

Jessica **Stewart**

Lisa **Stiglitz**

Rachel **Strzeliuski**

Jeremy **Stubbs**

Elizabeth **Tabernacki**

Nathaniel **Teehentin**

Kevin **Thomas**

Scott **Thompson**

Daniel **Trzeciak**

Mark **Trznadel**

Jason **Tyler**

Sara **Valocik**

David **Van Laningham**

Natalie **Walker**

Lauren **Wasko**

Steven **Wesolek**

Amber **West**

Patrick **White**

Ryan **White**

Stacy **Wilson**

Melanie **Witham**

Allison **Wolak**

Brandon **Wolak**

Christen **Woltzen**

Amy **Zimmer**

Stephanie **Zimny**

Andrew **Zruchik**

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Ashley Dillard

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Edward Leal

photo by Jeanette Hacker

Scott Thompson

photo by Dave Lubarski

Danielle Bennet poses for a picture with her new found friends from Snowflake.

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Katelyn Rodgers

photo by Dave Lubarski

Theresa
Abney

Ogul
Ahnoglu

Andrea
Allen

Brandon
Allen

Joshua
Allen

Ashlee
Alumbaugh

Keith
Anderko

Eric
Antezak

Lyndee
Arnold

Abel
Arroyo

Jonathon
Barnes

Sarah
Barney

John
Barr

Brian
Bernardino

Christopher
Bicker

Roberta
Bigott

Danielle
Bland

Nicole
Boehnowski

Jennifer
Bond

Allison
Brack

Nichole
Brown

Aaron
Bugajski

David
Bustamante

Tracey
Cable

Jackie Klein shows how hard it is to work at Dunhill.

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Stephanie Reed

photo by PRESTIGE

Brandi Groen & Sarah Irizarry

photo by Dave Lubarski

Juniors

Blanca
Calderon

Geoffrey
Campbell

Jorge
Campos

Gregory
Carlson

Nataly
Carrasco

Adam
Carrier

Garret
Carstensen

Christopher
Castillo

Nicole
Cianci

Sarah
Cichy

Jennifer
Ciciora

Tiffani
Clayburn

Rebecca
Cleaver

Maritza
Cordova

Sarah
Cummins

Nathan
Curtis

Laura
Daley

Sara
Deboer

Gabriel
Delarosa

Christopher
Dewier

Megan
Dewier

Natasa
Djurie

Molly
Donner

Colleen
Ellis

Trent
Elmore

William
Farrenkopf

Stephanie
Feinberg

Melissa
Fezler

Brandon
Fieldhouse

Matthew
Fledderjohann

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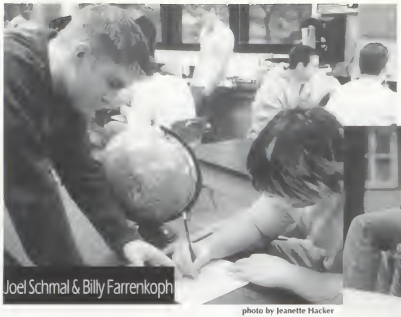

Joel Schmal & Billy Farrenkoph

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Jeanette Hacker

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Geoff Campbell puts his artisitc skills to the test.

Bryan **Foster**

Steven **Foust**

Sean **Fox**

Jacquelyn **Franz**

Erin **Frisby**

Lynsie **Funkhouser**

Mary **Gallagher**

Jennifer **Geary**

Carie **Gentry**

Shawn **Gilge**

Rodney **Glenn, Jr.**

Alexandra **Gober**

Lindsay **Goteh**

Brandy **Grace**

Nicholas **Grahovac**

Michael **Grelecki**

Christopher **Grish**

Brandi **Groen**

Anthony **Gutierrez**

Jeanette **Hacker**

Lauren **Hallahan**

Jessica **Hamman**

Joshua **Hamstra**

Michael **Haney**

Douglas
Harper

Nicholas
Havlin

Kyle
Hawkins

Richard
Hayes

Mitchell
Heeringa

Daniel
Hejmej

Courtney
Hendron

Kyle
Hoogeveen

Bryanne
Howe

Sarah
Irizarry

Joshua
Jabczynski

Justin
Janik

Kyle
Jasin

Christopher
Johansen

Candice
Johnson

Jill
Johnson

Sarah
Jones

Ryan
Kessler

Denise
Killmer

Michael
Kincaid

Dru
Kitchell

Adam
Klobnear

Gregory
Koch

Jonathan
Kokot

Lori
Kollada

Amanda
Kopischke

Julie
Kotynski

Amy
Kunz

Amanda
Lewis

Erin
Lewis

Tiffany
Lipa

Robert
Litavec

Natalie
Litera

Ella
Livchitz

Andrew
Locke

Brian
Luchon

Samantha **Lynch**

Anthony **Mancich**

Christopher **Manus**

Timothy **Marczewski**

Dana **Marlowe**

Christopher **Martinez**

Anthony **Marzilli**

Richard **Massey**

Michael **Mazur**

Kyle **McCambridge**

Matthew **McCarty**

Daniel **Mihalik**

Kristen **Misner**

Aaron **Moffit**

Amanda **Morris**

Starla **Morris**

Kyle **Murphy**

Keith **Nelson**

Nicholas **Newland**

Amy **Nimetz**

Lauren **Nolen**

Joel **Novak**

Natalie **Nowak**

Gregory **Okamoto**

Denise Killmer, Josh Hamstra, and Jenny Sknerski pose before tailgate.

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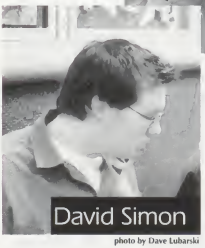

David Simon

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Starla Morris

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Juniors

Jaime
Ooms

Heather
Opolski

Christopher
Orban

Alonzo
Ortega

Holly
Panshyn

Nathaniel
Pappas

Juan
Pelayo

Joey
Peres

Christianne
Perez

Jeffrey
Perrone

Ryan
Perryman

Neal
Peterson

Lindsay
Plikuhn

Amber
Pokropinski

Kevin
Popovich

Mark
Popovich

Charles
Puntillo

Tariq
Qaisrani

Aaron
Rataczak

Julie
Reed

Rachael
Reed

Stephanie
Reed

Mindy
Reyes

Yasmin
Rios

Matthew
Rolland

Michael
Roque

Alex
Ross

Aliciavidal
Ruiz

Amber
Schaus

Janna
Scheeringa

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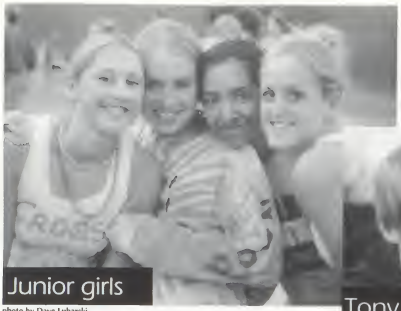

Junior girls

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Tony Marzilli

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Alex Ross face paints Dennis Wojkovich during tailgate.

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Mark **Schoeke**

Michelle **Seitzinger**

Michael **Seliger**

Adriane **Sell**

Andria **Shoemaker**

William **Shoemaker**

Katie **Shurlow**

David **Simon**

Jessica **Sivak**

Cora **Skucrski**

Jennifer **Skucrski**

Christina **Smart**

Aaron **Smith**

Allen **Smith**

Sean **Smith**

Amanda **Snyder**

Jacob **Sobota**

Edwin **Sosby**

Stephen **Sostarie**

Gina **Stanko**

Joseph **Stankovich**

Anthony **Stasi**

Michael **Strazzante**

Brett **Sullivan**

Mary
Sutliff

Wendy
Svetanoff

John
Swiatkowski

Sarah
Swinford

Michael
Sytnik

Edward
Szydlowski

Heather
Taylor

Kevin
Theobald

David
Thompson

Brittany
Tomera

Laura
Tometczak

Brian
Toppel

Jamie
Toren

Brooke
Torrenga

Lauren
Towasnicki

Tara
Traczyk

Matthew
Tsilis

Jamie
Turkevich

Holly
Vanderpool

Ashley
Volbrecht

Sarah
Vuckovich

Sarah
Warner

Christina
Webb

David
Wilinski

Dana
Wilkins

Matthew
Winston

Andrew
Wojcik

Dennis
Wojkovich

David
Wolak

James
Wozny

Matthew
Yuknis

Michelle
Zandstra

Adam
Zatorski

Laura
Zemen

Dean
Ziembicki

Heather
Zuhl

Stephen Plesha

Dianna Carrasco

John Sander

SENIOR CLASS 2002

"Shadow": 1. An area that is not or is only partially irradiated or illuminated due to blockage of light by an opaque object. 2. The rough image cast by an object blocking rays of light.

We all entered high school with high hopes and fears racing through our minds of what these four years would hold, and where we are going to go afterward. Some of us have made the most of our high school careers, while others have sat back and took it all in. Regardless of how we spent our time here, we all had obstacles to overcome at some point; whether they were with school, family, friends, relationships – the ride was not always smooth. Even though our trials may have appeared to have been pointless and unnecessary, but it is through these times that we have grown, matured, and developed into the type of person we are going to be. We may not have realized it, but we have ***cast our shadows*** on our classmates, our school, our town, our world. We have been an influence or an example to someone. A shadow is only cast when some object blocks the light – so our pointless trials are actually what defines and aides us in casting our shadow. So, as the sun sets and our shadow over Highland High School slowly fades, we can move on and cast our shadows elsewhere... whether it be at college or at work... our shadows live on.

Chrissy McLeish

seniors ROCK!

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SPECIAL REPORT!

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One time, Tony Martinelli was racing the halls to get to lunch. As he ran down the stairs, his shirt got caught on the railing and it ripped! Submitted by Jackie Renfrow

PARADERS

STEVE

My favorite class was ACP English with Mr. Martin, because he is the best ever Canadian teacher! Submitted by Paul Segal

HOT QUOTES

*Check out sayings from your fellow seniors, and see just what is on their minds!

Ryan Marrs is one cool cat. He makes the most of his school day, by painting a picture for his mommy.

2002

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Larissa Lopez

Written by:
Ashley Kirinch

Seniors ROCK! 2002

Timothy

Christine

Diana

Alison

Nicole

Kara

Jessica

William

Becky

Anthony

Justin

David

seniors ROCK! 2002

DANIEL

ALISON

STEPHANIE

KRISTY

SCOTT

BRUCE

MATTHEW

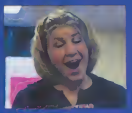
DIANNA

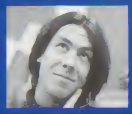
JAMES

EMMA

DOMENIC

ASHLEY





VANESSA

SHAWN

JONATHAN

JENNIFER

MICHAEL

RHIANNON

JORGE

CHERYL

ADAM

ZACHARY

JONATHAN

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AARON

RYAN

CHERYL

ANTHONY

BETHANY

MATTHEW

TINA

DANIEL

SPECIAL REPORT!

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I am getting out of Highland, and going to Highland. I will miss my friends and family." submitted by David Michniewicz

JON

NATALIE

"Do not eat yellow snow." submitted by Justin Biancardi

HOT QUOTES

*Check out sayings from your fellow seniors, and see just what is on their minds!

Nicole Hall and Jason Schultz mug for the camera.

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KIMBERLY

LAUREN

STEPHEN

RACHEL

KARLA

STEPHANIE

SARAH

ERIC

SHERI

ANGELA

ASHLEE

VICTORIA

CHRISTOPHER

ANDREA

BRYAN

ANDREW

FRANK

MEGAN

SONJA

PATRICIA

SHANE

NICOLE

MARGARET

RONALD

MATTHEW

MATTHEW

MARK

NATALIE

RIVIAN

KERRI

GEORGE

BENNY

RICHARD

MATTHEW

JAMES

NICHOLAS

MYSOON

ADAM

BRIAN

TRACI

CORRINE

KAREN

PANOS

ANDREW

BERNICE

BROOKE

LORI

ASHLEY

JESSICA

ANDREA

ALEKSANDRA

NATALIE

ERIN

CHRISTOPHER

STEPHANIE

HEATHER

STEPHEN

TONI

JASON

JOANNA

RICHARD

HEATHER

MATTHEW

ROBERT

LEIGH

RYAN

MOLLY

EMILY

MATTHEW

VERONICA

LARISSA

DAVID

CHRISTINA

ANTHONY

CARRIE

EMIL

AMANDA

RUDOLPH

MAUREEN

MARCUS

These four seniors have casted their shadows on the end page too many times! For the Shield deemed it appropriate that they too can see the light of another page!

MICHELLE

JAMES

ADAM

CHRISTINA

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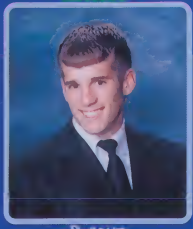

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seniors ROCK! 2002

Senior Directory Class of 2002!

Designed by:
Amber Lemon and Jessica DeBoer

Tim Albrecht: Building trades 1-4.
Daoud Aldeir: Band 1-2.
Jason Alumbaugh:
Brian Andree: Wrestling 4.
Erik Angyus: Soccer 1-4.
Christine Atchison:
Diana Augustyniak: Blood Drive 4; Choir 1-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Council 4; Track 1; Tutor 4.
Nicole Bader: Choir 3-4; Key Club 3-4; Turnabout Committee 4; Student Aide 3-4; Volleyball 1; Cheerleading 3-4.
Kara Banister: French 2-4; Turnabout Committee; Cross Country 1-4; Swimming; Track 1-2; Tennis 3-4. Literary Magazine.
Jamie Barker:
Jessica Barrell: Blood Drive 3; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 4; Tennis 2-3.
William Bartlett: Football 1.
Rebecca Baxter: Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 1-2; Japanese Club 1-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Japanese Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Speech and Debate 2-4; Student Council 3; Color Guard 1-2; Winter Guard 1-2.
Anthony Belli: Student Aide 2-4; Tennis 1-4; Track 1-4; Basketball 1.
Justin Biancardi: Blood Drive 3; Tennis 1-4.
David Blahnik: Japanese Club 1-3; Prom Court 3; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Council 3; Soccer 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1; Tutor 4.
Daniel Block:
Alison Bonner: Key Club 4; Trend 4.
Stefanie Bowen: Choir 2; Prom Committee 3; Turnabout Committee 4; Natural Helper II 3; Student Aide 4; Cheerleading 1-4.
Kristy Brown: Blood Drive 3-4; Student Aide 4.
Scott Brown: Blood Drive 3; Student Aide 4; Career Center 3-4.
Bruce Bush: Key Club 3-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Japanese Honor Society 2-3; Honors Diploma; Football 1-4; Wrestling 1-4.
Matt Cable: Key Club 1-4; Honors Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 4; Football 1; Wrestling 1-2; Baseball 1-2,4.
Dianna Carrasco: Choir 1-4; Dance Team 3; Natural Helper II 3; Student Aide 4.
James Casey: Football 1-3.
Emma Cashen: Choir 1-4; Student Aide 3-4; Softball 1; Soccer 1.
Domenic Certa: Blood Drive 3; Track 1-2; Swimming 2-4; Theatre 2; Career Center 3-4.
Shawn Childers: Basketball 1; Track 2; Football 1-4.
Jon Christophersen: Blood Drive 4; Key Club 3-4; TREND 4; Chess Club 4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3-4; Wrestling 1-2; Football 1; SHIELD (Yearbook) 3-4.
Jennifer Ciesiak: Japanese Club 1-4; Prom Court 3; Prom Committee 3; Turnabout Committee 3-4; National Honor Society 3-4; National Art Honor Society 2-4; Japanese Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper II 3; Student Aide 2-4; Volleyball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Track 1-2.
Rhiannon Cizon: Academic Decathlon 4; Blood Drive 3-4; French Club 3-4; Key Club 1; Speech 1-4; Debate 1, 3-4; Student Aide 3-4; Student Government 1; Baseball 2,4; Theatre 1, 3-4.
Jorge Clayburn: Blood Drive 3; Building Trades 3-4; National Junior Honor Society 1; Career Center 3-4.
Nate Cline: Building Trades 4; Natural Helper 4; Speech and Debate 4.
Cheryl Conn: Choir 1-4; Natural Helper 3.
Adam Conway: Student Aide 3; Football 1-2; Baseball 1-2.
Jonathon Cox: Japanese Club 2-4; Japanese Honor Society 1-4; Student Aide 4; Golf 1; Tennis 1-3; Track 2-4; Snowflake 4; Drug Free Role Model 4.
Goran Cvijanovic:
Aaron Czalbowski: Football 1-4; Track 3; Basketball 1-2.
Ryan Czalbowski: Football 1-4; Basketball 1-2.
Justin Del Rio: Natural Helper 3; Football 1,3.
Bethany Dimpfl: Prom Committee 3.
Matt Douthett: Blood Drive 3; Football 4.
Tina Dozier: Blood Drive 4; Key Club 3-4; National Art Honor Society 4; Student Aide 3; SHIELD (Yearbook) 3-4.
Josh Drake: Auditorium 4; Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 4; Chess Club 4; Homecoming 4; NAHS 1-4; Natural Helper 3-4; Student Aide 2, 4; Student Council 4; Baseball 1; Theatre 4; TREND 4; Snowflake 2-4; Snowflurry 2-4; TATU 4.
Kimberly Drake: Choir 2-4; Tennis 2.
Steve Eaton: Student Aide 4; Career Center 3-4.
Karla Euler: Choir 2-4; Prom Committee 3; Tennis 1-3.
David Figueroa: Football 1-2; Soccer 1.
Sarah Filler:
Erin Fisher: Career Center 4; Auto Mechanics 1-4.
Angela Frederick: Orchestra 1-4; National Art Honor Society 2-4.
Ashlee Gacsy: Orchestra 1-2; Soccer 1-4.
Victoria Gatlin: Key Club 1-4; Trend 4; Homecoming Court 4; Food Drive Committee 4; National Honor Society 4; National Art Honor Society 1-4; Natural Helper 3; Basketball 1-2; Soccer 2-4; Volleyball 1; Track 1-2; Tennis 3.
Chris Gavranic: Honors Diploma; Student Aide 4; Student Council 1-2; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-2, 4.
Bryce Gehris: Natural Helper 3; Tennis 1; Golf 1.
Andie Gergely - Blood Drive 3-4; National Art Honor Society 2-4.
Bryan Gilmore: Soccer 1-3; Graphic Design 3-4; On-the-Job Training 4.
Andrew Giordano: Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 3-4; Tennis 4.
Carmela Gonzalez: Wrestling 1.
Frank Gorczyca: Student Aide 3.
Sonja Grabowski: Swimming 1-2; Softball 1-2.
Megan Greene: Blood Drive 4; Operation Resist 1-4; Cheese Fan Club 3-4; Blood Drive Committee 1-2,4; Homecoming Committee 1-2,4; Prom Committee 3; Spaghetti Dinner Committee 1-2, 4; National Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; National Art Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Speech and Debate 4; Student Advisory Board 1-4; Student Aide 4; Student Government 1-2; Student Council 1-2,4; Softball 1-2; Cheerleading 1; Theatre 4; Reality Store 1-4.
Patricia Griner: Band 1-4; Blood Drive 2-3; Choir 1-4; Natural Helper 3; Student Aide 3; Student Council 2-3; Theatre 1.
Shane Guivas: Honors Diploma; Soccer 1-4.
Nicole Hall: Choir 2; Student Aide 3; Cheerleading 2,4; Volleyball 1.
Timothy Haniford:
Ron Hardy: Soccer 1-2.
Matthew Haughee: Hockey 3; Honors Diploma; Football 2-3.
Tom Heintzman:
Mark Hentig: Chess Club 4; Environmental Club 4; Newspaper 4; Student Aide 3-4; Theatre 1-4; Who's Who 3.
Natalie Herrick: French Club 2; National Art Honor Society 2; Tennis 1-3.
Rivian Hertz: Choir 2-4; Key Club 2-

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Christy Brown & Andie Gergely

4; Natural Helper 3; Track 1-2.

Kerri Hess: Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 1; Key Club 1; Prom Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 1-4; Class Committee 1-4; Natural Helper 3-4; Student Aide 3-4; Softball 1-4; SHIELD (Yearbook) 4; Snowflake 4.

George Hillier: Soccer 1,3-4; Snowflake 4.

Benny Hinshaw Jr.: Band 1-4; Student Aide 2-4.

Richard Hoekstra: Choir 4; Snowflake 4.

Renee Holland: National Art Honor Society; Student Aide 3.

Jennifer Huber: Orchestra 1-4.

Matt Hulen: Blood Drive 3.

James Huneryager: Honors Diploma.

Mysoon Isa: National Art Honor Society 4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 4; Track 3.

Adam Ispas: Japanese Club 1-3; Key Club 1-3; Nationa Art Honor Society 1-4; National Honor Society 4; Honors Diploma; Soccer 1-4.

Brian Jacobs: Student Advisory Board 1-4; Soccer 1-3; Track 2-4.

Corrine Jayne: Choir 1; National Art Honor Society; Cheerleading 1-4.

Karen Jelski: Trend 3; Turnabout Committee 4; National Honor Society 4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper II 3; Student Aide 2-3; Student Council 2-3; Volleyball 1,3; Track 1-4; Basketball 1-2; Cross Country 4.

Traci Jerkins: Japanese Club 1-3; Operation Resist 3-4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper II 3; Student Advisory Board 2-4; Student Aide 3-4; Volleyball 1-2; Basketball 1-4; Cross Country 3-4; National Art Honor Society.

Bernice Johnson: Swimming 2-3.

Brooke Johnson: Spanish National Honor Society 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Athletic Aid 4; Cross Country 1-4; Track and Field 1-4; Spanish Tutor 2-4.

Lori Jusko: Natural Helper II 3.

Nick Kane: Japanese Club 2; Student Aide 3-4; Basketball 1-4; Track 1.

Panos Katopodis: Student Aide 4; Wrestling 1; Football 1-4; Culinary Arts 3-4.

Ashley Kirinch: Blood Drive 3-4; Environmental Club 4; Spanish Honor Society; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Aide 2-3; Student Council 2-3; SHIELD (Yearbook) 4.

Jessica Klapak: Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 1-3; Key Club 2-4; Gang Resist 3; Natural Helper 3-4; Student Advisory Board 2-3; Student Aide 1-2, 4; Swimming 1; Diving 2; Tennis 2; Bowling 4.

Aleksandra Knezevic: Blood Drive; Choir; Dance Team; Student Aide; Track; Basketball; Tutor.

Natalie Kobli: Choir 1-4; Bowling.

Chris Krakowiak: Wrestling 1-4.

Heather Kristy: Cheese Fan Club 3-4; Prom Committee 3; Turnabout Committee 4; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Aide 2-4; Student Government 3; Student Council 3; Volleyball 1-4; Tennis 1-4; Snowflurry 2.

Stephen Kroslack: Blood Drive 4; Diving 4; Football 4; Theatre 1-4; HACC 3.

Toni Kwasny: German Club ; Japanese Club; Prom Committee 3; Turnabout Committee 4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Newspaper; Speech and Debate; Student Advisory Board; Student Aide; Cross Country 1-4; Track; Theatre; Tutor.

Jason Labadie: Student Aide 4.

Jason LaBorde: Career Center Culinary Arts 3-4.

Joanna Lamott: Japanese Club 1-4; Cheese Fan Club 3-4; Turnabout Committee 4; National Honor Society 3-4; Japanese Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper II 3; Student Aide 4; Cross Country 2-4; Swimming 4; Track 1-4.

Richard Langel:

Heather Lapine: Trend 4; French Club; Honors Diploma.

Matt Levy: Track; Key Club.

Robert Lewis: Blood Drive; National Honor Society 3-4; German Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Student Council 2,4; Soccer 1-4; Football 14; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-4.

Ryan Lewis: National Honor Society 3-4; National Art Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 3-4; Wrestling 1-4; Football 1-2.

Molly Liston: Choir 3-4; French Club 1-4; Homecoming Committee 1; National Honor Society 3-4; French National Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Speech and Debate 4; Student Aide 2-4; Student Council 1; Tennis 1-3; Swimming 2-3; Theatre 2-4; Tutor 4; Literary Magazine 3-4.

Emily Little: Band 1-4; Drum Major 3-4; Key Club 1-4; Dance Team 3; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 4; Cheerleading 4.

Larissa Lopez: Key Club 1-2; Teens Against Tobacco Use 2-4; SHIELD (Yearbook) 3-4, *Editor* 4.

David Lubarski: Japanese Club 1-2; National Honor Society 1-4; Student Advisory Board 1-4; Operation Resist 4; Student Aide 3-4; SHIELD (Yearbook) 3-4, *Photo Editor* 4; Snowflake 1-4.

Ryan Maris:

Anthony Martinelli: Key Club 1-4; National Honor Society 3-4; National Art Honor Society 2-4; German Honor Society 2-3; Honors Diploma; Science Olympiad 1-4.

Carrie Martinez: Dance Team 4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3-4; TATU 3-4; Trend 4; Key Club 4.

Marianna Massey:

E.J. Mastandrea: Key Club 3-4; French Club 2-4; French National Honor Society 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Snowflake 3-4.

Rudolph Mada: Student Advisory Board; Football 3-4; Baseball 2; Career Center.

Maureen Maves: Band 1-4; Blood Drive; Key Club 1; Trend 1; Turnabout Committee 4; Student Aide; Track 1; Winter Guard 1; Snowflake 1.

Marcus Mayer: Blood Drive 3; Key Club 3; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Committee 3; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3-4; Student Aide 3; Student Council 3; Swimming 2-3.

James McAvoy: Snowflake Staff 4; Prom Court 3; French Honor Society; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Baseball 1-4.

Adam McGlashan: Chess Club 4; Student Aide 1-4; Theatre 1-3.

Greg McKnight:

Chrissy McLeish: Student Aide 4.

Briana Meeder: Blood Drive 4; Choir 1-4; Key Club 2-3; Prom Committee 3; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Speech and Debate 3; Student Aide 2-4; Student Government 4; Student Council 4; Soccer 1; Theatre 2-4; Student Concerns Board 4.

James Michels: Key Club 1; Student Aide 2; Basketball 1-4; Track.

Brian Miller: Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3; Track 3; Homecoming Court 4, SHIELD (Yearbook) 4.

Kreg Miller: Golf 1; Girls' Soccer Announcer 4; Softball Announcer 4.

Todd Miller:

Lisa Maran:

Christopher Mortimer: Basketball 1; Career Center 3.

Dwight Moser: Blood Drive; Key Club 2-4; Chess Club 4; Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming King 4; Prom Committee 3; Nationa Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Advisory Board 1-4; Student Government 4; Student Council 2-4; Football 1-4; Basketball 1-2; Baseball 1-2; Track 3-4.

Dan Moynihan: Blood Drive 3-4; Student Aide 3-4; Cross Country 1-4; Track 1-4.

Monica Mroz: Blood Drive 4; Soccer 1; SHIELD (Yearbook) 4.

Adam Nowak: French Honor Society 1-4; German Honor Society 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Student Aide 1-4; Student Council 4; Hockey 1-4.

Paul Dallas: Football 1-2.

Amy Pantaleo: National Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; National Art Honor Society 2-4; Student Aide 1-3; Swimming 1-2; Food Drive 1-4.

Stacy Pappas: Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Committee 3; National Honor Society; Natural Helper 3; Newspaper 3; Student Aide 3-4; Volleyball 1; Swimming 1-2.

Megan Pena: Band 1-4; Choir 2; Science Olympiad 1-4; German Club 4; TREND 4; Student Concerns;

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Marcus Mayer

National Honor Society 3-4; Honor Diploma; Speech and Debate 3-4; Student Council 1; Volleyball 1; Swimming 2-3; Tennis 1-4; Dollars for Scholars 4.

Lisa Penk: Blood Drive 4; French Club 2; German Club 3-4; Orchestra 1-2; Student Aide 2-3; Color Guard 1-4; Winter Guard 1-4; Theatre 4.

David Perez: Key Club 3; Honors Diploma: Natural Helper 3; Student Advisory Board 1-4; Student Council 1, 4; Girls' Basketball Team Manager 1-4.

Megan Perryman: Academic Decathlon 4; Auditorium 1-4; Blood Drive 3; Choir 2-4; French Club 1-4; Speech and Debate 1-2; Student Aide 2; Student Council 3; Theatre 1-4.

Danielle Pistilli: Blood Drive 3; Natural Helper II 3; SHIELD (Yearbook) 4.

Stephen Plesha: Japanese Club 1-4; Japanese Honor Society; Honors Diploma; Theatre 4.

Erik Plonczyinski: Blood Drive 1; Building Trades 2; Basketball 1.

Robin Pokrajac: Choir.

Ashley Pomonis: Blood Drive 4; Choir 2-4; National Honor Society 4; Spanish Honor Society 2-3; Honors Diploma; Student Council 4; Track 1; Tutor 4.

Daniel Pop: Auditorium 1; Band 2; German Club 3; Swimming 3.

Steve Pry: Blood Drive; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Newspaper; Baseball.

Jonathan Rassel: Key Club 4; TREND 4; Track 1-2; Swimming 2, 4; Theatre 1-2; Madrigal 3.

Jessica Regnier:

John Rios:

Jaime Rivas: Football 2-4; Theatre; Snowflake 1-4.

Adrienne Rivera: Prom Court 3; Homecoming Court 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Volleyball 1; Basketball 1; Soccer 3; Tennis 3.

Jessica Ruiz: Japanese Club 1-3; National Honor Society 4; Japanese Honor Society 3-4; Student Council 3; Tutor 4.

Adam Salinas: Blood Drive Committee 1; Prom Committee 3; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Advisory Board 1; Student Government 3-4; Student Council 1-2; Cross Country 1-4; Track 1-4; Swimming 2; Basketball 1; Dartball 1-4.

Mike Samples:

John Sander: Student Aide; Diving 1; Track 2; Theare 1-4.

Leslie Sanders: Prom Committee 3; Natural Helper 3; Newspaper 3; Student Aide 4; Cheerleading 2; Snowflake 3-4.

Clayton Savage: Blood Drive 4; Student Aide 3-4; Tennis 3-4; Track 2-4; Snowflurry 3-4.

Joshua Scheeringa: Auditorium 1-2; Blood Drive 3; Student Aide 1-2.

Meagan Schelinski-Pizer: Choir 1-4; Dance Team 3; Student Aide 2.

Nick Schoon:

Tim Scoleri: Blood Drive 3-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 2-4; Student Council 3-4; SHIELD (Yearbook) 4.

Mary Scubelek: Band 1-3; Student Aide 1; Tutor 1.

Mary Sedlak: Turnabout Committee 4; Student Aides 2-4.

Paul Segal: Blood Drive 3-4; National Honor Society 4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 4; Wrestling 3-4; Track 3-4.

Joanna Seiner: Blood Drive 3; Student Aide 2-4; Swimming 1-2.

Erica Sendejas: Choir 1-4.

Charles Shive: Japanese Club 3-4; Environmental Club 4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Football 1-4; Basketball 1; Track 3.

Jason Shultz:

Ben Sietsma: Blood Drive 3-4; Student Aide 2-4; Football 1-4; Baseball 1-2.

Tina Simkus: French Club 1-4; National Honor Society 3-4; French Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Speech and Debate 3; Student Aide 2-4; Tutor 4.

Jessica Singleton: Band 1-2; Choir 1-4; Student Aide 3-4; Career Center 4; Color Guard 1-2.

Marco Slifer: Yearbook 1-3; Link (Newspaper) **EDITOR.**

Alycia Smith: Blood Drive 4; National Art Honor Society 3; Student Aide 2-3; SHIELD (Yearbook) 4.

Jamie Smith: National Honor Society 3-4.

Josh Smith:

Nick Smith: Natural Helper 3-4.

Diann Spataro: Prom Committee 3; Honors Diploma; Orchestra 1-2; Student Aide 4; Student Council 1, 4; Softball 1-2; Cheese Fan Club 3-4; Student Government 1-2.

Paul St. Aubyn: Blood Drive 3-4; French Club 2-4; Chess Club 4; Operation Resist 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Advisory Board 1-4; Student Aide 4; Soccer 1-4; Swimming 2; Basketball 1; Tutor 4

Jason Stanley: Choir 4; Chess Club 4; Prom Court 3; Prom King 3; Prom Committee 3; Natural Helper 3-4; Orchestra 1-3; Student Council 4; Wrestling 1-2; Theatre 3-4.

Jamin Steel: National Honor Society 3-4; Football 4.

Stephen Strader: Blood Drive 1; Building Trades 1; TREND 1-4; Student Aide 2-4; TATU 1-4; ITI 1; Role Model; Service Learning.

Ryan Strzelinski: Japanese Club 1-3; National Art Honor Society 2-3; Honors Diploma; Soccer 2-4.

Jason Summerlott: Academic Decathlon 3-4; Auditorium 2; Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 2-4; Chess Club 4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Speech and Debate 1-4; Student Advisory Board 1-4; Student Council 3-4; Theatre 2-4; Tutor 3-4.

Stevan Todorcevic: Orchestra 1; Wrestling 1; Cross Country 1.

Brian Tom: Blood Drive 4; Student Aide 3-4; Golf 1-4; Football 1-2; Wrestling 1-3.

Jake Toren:

Megan Troxel: Auditorium 1-4; Blood Drive 2-3; Choir 1-4; French Club 1-4; TREND 4; Food Drive Committee 4; Phone-a-thon Committee 4; French Honor Society 2-3; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Speech and Debate 1-2; Student Council 2-3; Theatre 1-4; Tutor 4; Drug Free Roadshow 4.

Natalie Turcotte: German Honor Society 2-3; National Art Honor Society 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Aide 3; Volleyball 1-4; Softball 1-2.

Richard Turich: Track 2-4.

Martha Ullman: Blood Drive 3; Science Olympiad 1-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Prom Committee 3; Honors Diploma; Student Council 3;

Tennis 2-3; Volleyball 1; Tutor 4; National Art Honor Society 2-4.

Matthew Van Bodegraven: Auditorium 2-4; Chess Club 4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Speech and Debate 2; Theatre 2-4.

Kara Van Prooyen: Band 1-4; Choir 2-4; German Club 2-4; Trend 3-4; German Honor Society.

Jacob Van Sickle: Auditorium 1-4; Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 1-4; Chess Club 4; National Honor Society 3-4; Honors Diploma; Theatre 1-4; Tutor 4; Show Choir 1-4; Madrigal Choir 1-3.

Michal Vavrek:

Jacqueline Velasco: Blood Drive 3-4; Cheese Fan Club 3-4; Prom Committee 3; Turnabout Committee 4; National Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 2,4; Student Council 3-4; Softball 1-4; Cross Country 2-4; Tutor 4.

Josh Wadkins: Academic Decathlon 1-2; National Art Honor Society 2-4; NAtional Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Golf 1-4.

David Walters II: Blood Drive 2-4; Choir 1-2; TREND 2-4; 4-H 1-4; Career Center Culinary Arts 3-4.

Stephanie Wanicki: Key Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Turnabout Committee 4; National Honor Society 3-4; National Art Honor Society 1-4; Spanish Honor Society 2-3; Honors Diploma; Natural Helper 3; Student Aide 2,4; Student Council 2; Basketball 1-4; Volleyball 1-2; Cross Country 4; Hoosier Girls' State.

Kelley Watts: Career Center 3-4.

Wesley Welch: Career Center 3.

Amanda Whitaker: Blood Drive 3-4; Choir 1; Spanish Club 2-4; Turnabout Committee 4; National Honor Society 3-4; Spanish Honor Society 2-4; Honors Diploma; Student Aide 2-4; Swimming 1-4; Tennis 1-4; Tutor 4; Drug Free Role Model 4.

Jonathon White: Football 1-4; Basketball 2; Track 3-4.

Tiffany Whitfield: Cosmotology 3-4.

Andrea Will: French Club 1-2; Orchestra 1-2; Student Aide 4.

Mike Wood:

Leigh Woodbury: Japanese Club 3-4; Honors Diploma; Golf 2-4.

Matt Wozniewski: Honors Diploma.

Christina Yannuzzi: Orchestra 1-3; Student Aide 3-4; Career Center 4.

GRADUATION

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WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR

The auditorium was buzzing with proud parents, anxious siblings, and loved relatives. As the Class of 2002 made their way down the aisle, each person carried a lily, and an ear-to-ear grin. Some gulped back the inevitable tears that would fall, while others just wondered what the future would have in store. The speeches Valedictorian JACQUELINE VELASCO, and Salututorian LAUREN DVORSAK delivered were absolutely touching. All eyes were on them, as they casted their shadow on our Class by leaving us with provoking thoughts of tomorrow. Briana Meeder, Jacob Van Sickle, and Veronica Lyon were just a few of the long-time choir members that delivered powerful performances. As students walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, their senior portrait appeared on a large screen. The diplomas were given with fond hope, and received with total pride. At the closing, the Class of 2002 sealed it all by switching their tassles from right to left. Hats were thrown in the air, and it was all over. Twelve years finally paid off. The day of graduation ... long remembered!

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Graduates

QUOTES...

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." James Dean

"It is more important to know where you are going, than to get there quickly."
Mabel Newcomber

"VISION IS THE ART OF SEEING THE INVISIBLE."
JONATHAN SWIFT

"From what we get we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life."
Arthur Ashe

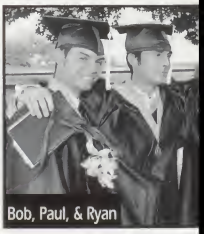
"It isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself."
George Bernard Shaw

"The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet."
Aristotle

"Knowledge is the food of the soul."
Plato

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."
Jesus Christ

Congrats!



Bob, Paul, & Ryan

VALEDICTORIAN : JACQUELINE VELASCO

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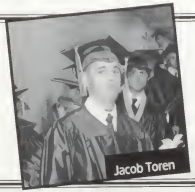

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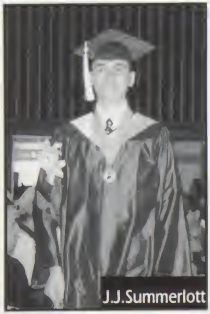

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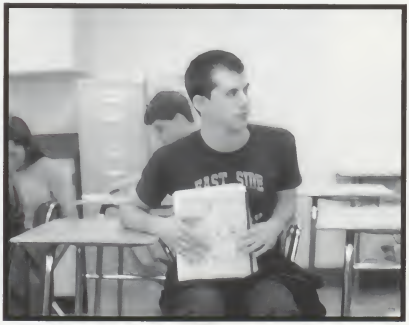

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Unified? Maybe not so much as I would have liked, but we all pulled through, and came out with a totally rad yearbook! Each one of you vented your talents of writing, designing, leading, taking photos, and making that single hour a fun and exciting part of our school days. All of you guys are totally wonderful, and great, and everything that's anything:) We *casted our shadows* on the 2002 yearbook by coming out with something that is original and great ... something that will bring back some of the fondest memories of our lives!

FOSS, you are the heart and soul of this class! Always on my case... Hating my "weird" music! I probably would have not gotten a single thing done without your push. Eat potatoes, and work out 23 hours a day! You are a rockin' teacher! Knock those slackers down, and bench press the editors in years to come! Thanks for teaching us how to be leaders !

THE EDITORS...

DAVE: you were the man. Pictures are the main part of the BOOK, and you snapped your heart out. Honestly, I think you are going to go the farthest out of every single person in our class. You are an artist, and a musician, and a photo-expert, and filled with confidence, so many talents existing within you ... never stop using them for the edification of Christ!

HACKER: you will do a great job next year. Take charge, and don't thnk you aren't capable, because you totally are! p.s. Use your nails not your brain!

SARAH: well, this year was a confusing one, and our friendship kinda faded into the craziness of life, but we have some pretty fun memories, and I guess that's good enough. People change ... we changed, but deep down, in some way we are still the same. Stay safe. Obey Le Ora. Eat your peas. Seek God's will for your life, because you totally have the potential to be an awesome influence in this lost and dying world. You will be the best psychologist ever! Love ya!

ZACHMEIER: my unashamed, Bible-believing, Christian pal. You are a missionary, who is out there trying to win the lost over to the Lord, and that is a worthy cause. Stay strong for the Lord, Your ad's ruled! You rule! :) thanx for the punked out polk-a-doted shoes and day old socks; they were magnificent! meow...

KATIE: you are a color photo amidst a black and white world! Spread the rainbow, and stay as cute and fun as you are now! Stay on top of things ... you can do it!

THE STAFF...

Jon: I hope you preach as good as you get out of doing yearbook layouts! Matthew 28:19-20 Good luck at Moody! Greg: you will make a great plumber, or musician, or writer, or whatever your heart desires! Thanks for Prom! # 6 , your and Jeff's band is a diamond in the rough! Bring me back a sea shell from California! Mindy & Ellie: you two were inseparable, and you both turned in the best layouts all year! You 2 will rock as editors! Tim: you are the nicest guy in school! You did an amazing job; have a blast in college! Knock um' dead!!! Monica, Alycia, & Danielle: you guys did so much work, thank you.You girls brought the maturity to our kindergarden-like, 2nd hour class. You 3 were pretty much inseparable, and totally 90210 cool! Monica, you are the funniest chick around! Nicole: my incredibly intelligent tennis partner; you are so awesome! I know that you will be something amazing after H.S. I'm so proud of my little McLeish Natalie, Rachael, & Shelly: you 3 were incredibly sweet & helpful! Todd: always picking on me, stealing my chair ... Still, I'm glad that you came in this class because you proved to be a mysteriously cool person after all. You have a marvelous band ... and a creative mind; have a fun and adventure-filled life. And when you are a famous writer, you'd better send me an autographed book! Brad: you are the funniest person in this entire school! One day, I'll be flipping through the channels, and see you on B.E.T., as a famous comedian! Amber & Jessica: my punk rock yearbook dropouts. You ladies are so so neat and stylin'. Brian: our personal yearbook model.Your "hot bod" inspired Dave's brilliant mind to use you in the book. Thanks for agreeing, free of charge! Tina the typer, you were great; have a lovely life! Stay beautiful, and kind, and never lose yourself!

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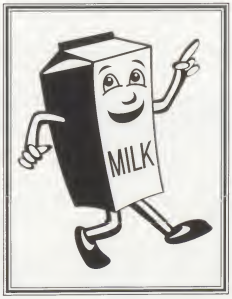

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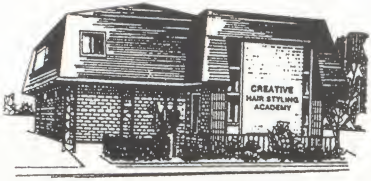

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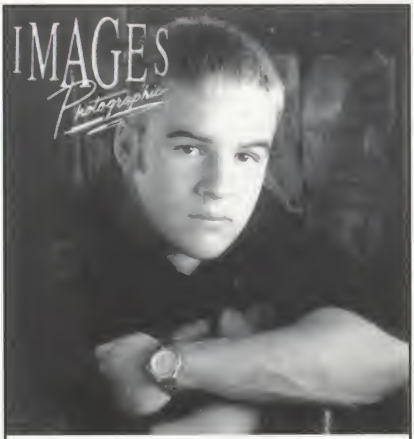

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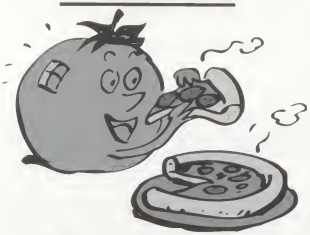

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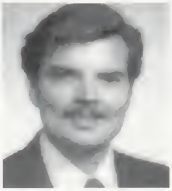

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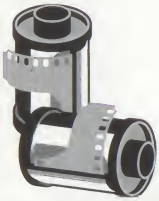

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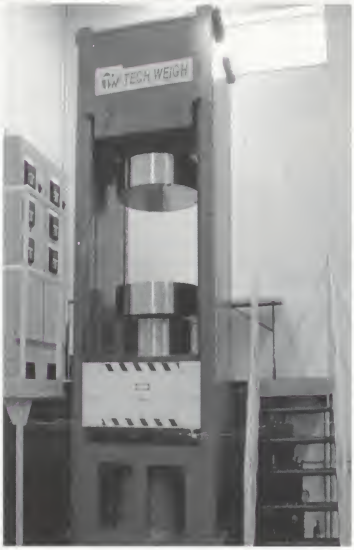

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It's been a crazy 13 years, huh? We have been through so much together ... the raid/mouse/broom game, metal drawer pullers, umm, bodda beeda bodda, umm, bodda unsum dweeeeeeeeeeeee!!! (foreign drag racing). It seems like yesterday when we first met in our kindergarden class. You are my best friend and you always will be. It was so hard to say goodbye in June. Good luck in Cali! I'll miss you!

-Tina-

***P.S.* ... Remember I'll be at your first NHRA race ... Go John Force! We really need to get started on that time machine!**

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Another year has drifted by, and the doors to the past have been forever sealed. The lockers cleared, the classrooms empty, and the hallways dead silent... Yet the shadow of who we were, and what we've done will linger on. A part of us, whether it be good or bad, will remain at Highland High. Whether it be memories we've made, dreams we've shared, or trophies we've won, not one of us will be forgotten. Life is everchanging. September 11, 2001 proved to us that our lives are not infinite, but the length of our days are unknown. Buddy Holly said it best in his song: "Everyday it's a gettin' closer, goin' faster than a rollercoaster." Cast your shadows... live for today! This yearbook is a mere essence of the reality that has taken place. A happy facade of the actual events that have engulfed our lives. The meger shadow it has cast... and the recollections it will produce in years to come, we will treasure in years to come. Each of us remembering who we were, and what we've done. How we found our own ways to cast our shadows on our families, on our friends, on our high school, and ... on our lives.

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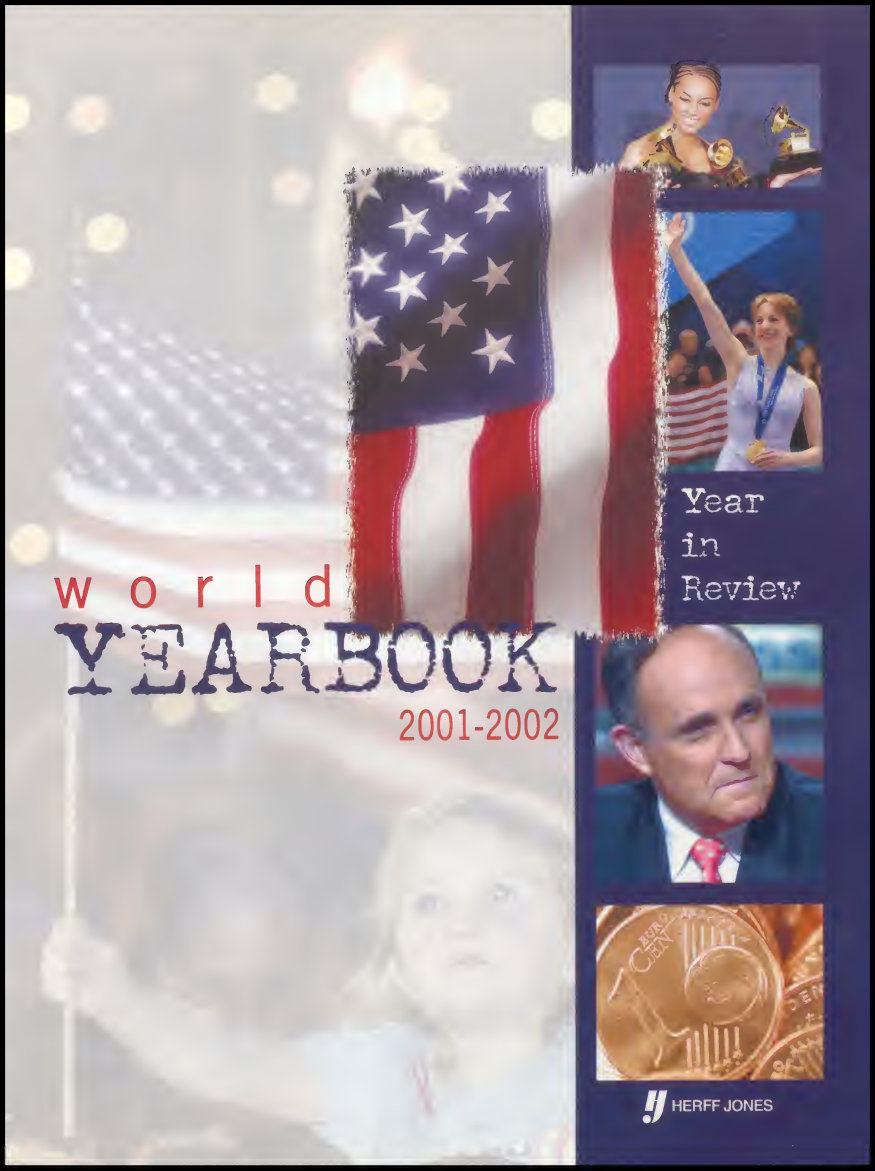
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world EVENTS

Even though the total number of shark attacks decreased in 2001, a rash of highly publicized cases make this "the Summer of the Shark."

John Walker, the American Taliban, is being held for war crimes against the United States.

Princess Margaret, sister of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, dies at age 71.

Enron is the largest company in U.S. history to file for bankruptcy. Allegations arose concerning the shredding of documents believed to be connected to the company's use of funds from its employees' 401k program.

On Jan. 1, 2001, 12 European nations adopt a single currency called the Euro which becomes legal tender in Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain.

Daniel Pearl, a Wall Street Journal reporter, is kidnapped and murdered by the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty. President Bush declares, "The United States of America will rid the world of these agents of terror."

Million of acres of southeastern Australia are scorched by wildfires.

Ford and Firestone go their separate ways after a year of finger pointing in the deaths of more than 170 people in Ford Explorers equipped in Firestone Tires.

The sun sets on the Taliban as U.S. soldiers raise an American flag from the World Trade Center at a U.S. Air Force base near the Afghan city of Kandahar. The United States organized its allies and began an all-out "War on Terrorism."

American Airlines Flight 587 leaving New York for Santo Domingo crashes three minutes after take off, killing 251 passengers and nine crew members.

Congressman Gary Condit is a central figure in the search for Chandra Levy, a Department of Justice Intern, who has been missing since April 2001.

Slobodan Milosevic appears before the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal on charges for crimes against humanity during Yugoslavia's breakup in the 1990's.

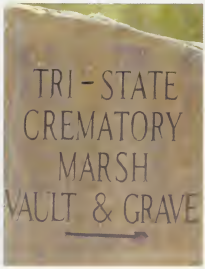
Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross and spouse of former presidential candidate Bob Dole, announces her candidacy for the Senate.

After being detained for more than three months by the Taliban, American aid workers Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry are rescued from Afghanistan.

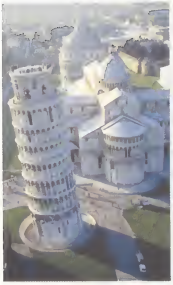
Letters containing anthrax are delivered to U.S. senators Patrick Leahy and Tom Daschle, and NBC News Anchor Tom Brokaw. The Senate office building was closed for three months. Five people died from inhalation anthrax.

On June 11, Timothy McVeigh, convicted of the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, is executed by lethal injection.

A missile defense shield to protect the United States is a priority of the Bush Administration.



Hundreds of bodies are discovered at a Noble, Georgia crematory, some dating back more than 10 years.



After 12 years of construction, the efforts to stabilize the Leaning Tower of Pisa are complete.

Amnesty for illegal Mexican immigrants is promoted by President Bush.

The decision to allow federal funding for embryonic stem cell research only on stem cells from embryos already collected raises ethical questions.

Kmart, the giant discount retailer, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection while it reorganizes its holdings.

other NEWS

- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced a plan to set buffer zones after an increase in violence against the Palestinian Authority.
- Jim Jeffords switched from the Republican GOP to the Democratic party's side of the aisle, causing an important shift in power and reorganization of the Senate.
- Crown Prince Dipendra of Nepal gunned down 10 members of the Nepalese Royal family before turning the gun on himself.
- A North Carolina state trooper killed one Green Beret and injured another when they tried to disarm him, believing that he was part of a training exercise.
- Experimental drug BL22, which targets only a rare form of leukemia cell, showed signs of great success in fighting hairy cell leukemia.
- Andrea Yates drowned her five children in the bathtub of her Texas home. She pled not guilty by reason of insanity.
- Charles Bishop, 15, stole a Cessna aircraft and crashed it into the Bank of America Plaza in Tampa, Florida.

GM launches a program to cut its workforce by 10 percent through an early retirement program.

Ford looks to cut 12,000 union jobs and 8,000 salaried positions.

Britain's Prince Harry may face charges stemming from smoking marijuana and drinking underage.

Wendy's founder and spokesman Dave Thomas dies at age 69.

World leaders, such as Prime Minister of England Tony Blair, profess their sympathy and support for the United States.

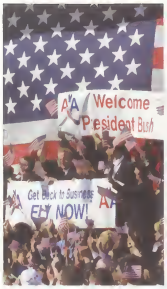
Through his courageous leadership, NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani becomes known as "Mayor of the World" and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

enduring FREEDOM

Tuesday, September 11, 2001, will be remembered as a tragic day that changed the world. That morning, a plot, masterminded by terrorist Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda network, was put into action. Two hijacked commercial airliners were flown into New York City's World Trade Center Towers, ultimately causing their collapse. Immediately following the incident, another hijacked airliner crashed into one side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C, and a fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania. Thousands of lives were lost, citizens were terrified and the world was in shock.

Following that mournful day the United States experienced anthrax scares, continued security threats and the reality of war. Despite the horror, fear and heartache, U.S. citizens united and their patriotic spirit soared. President Bush promised: "We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail." Through that statement and the remarkable sense of national pride exuded by U.S. citizens, it became evident that no threat, great or small, could deter the United States resolve for enduring freedom.

In response to the shocking tragedy, President George W. Bush addresses the nation offering strength, comfort and patriotism.



Ailing airlines urge citizens to defy terrorists' attempts to disrupt lives by reboarding airplanes.

Thousands of people world-wide donate blood and volunteer their services to aid U.S. recovery.

An overwhelming spirit of unity and national pride arises out of the smoldering ashes and human devastation from the September 11 attacks on the United States.

america's HEROES

- **Michael Benfante and John Cerqueira, employees on the 81st floor of the World Trade Center, selflessly carried wheelchair-bound Tina Hanson down 68 flights of stairs to safety.**
- **New York City Fire Department Chaplain Father Mychal Judge, lost his life at Ground Zero while offering last rights to another victim.**
- **While attempting to rescue others, 343 firemen and 60 police officers died during the attack on the World Trade Center Towers.**
- **Army Chief Warrant Officer Craig Sincock, despite losing his wife at the Pentagon, offered assistance to those he could aid at the scene. On Sept. 12, Sincock began acting as a grief counselor for others who had lost family members at the site.**
- **Passengers Todd Beamer, Tom Burnett, Mark Bingham and Jeremy Glick joined to overcome hijackers aboard Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania. Beamer's final statement "Let's roll," has become a symbolic phrase since then.**

Canine rescue teams help firefighters search for survivors among the wreckage.

U.S. troops dedicate their lives to preserving freedom and keeping America safe.

Citizens and communities across the country proudly display patriotic decor.

tv & MOVIES

Academy Award-winning actor Russell Crowe claims a Golden Globe Award and an Academy Award nomination for his performance in "A Beautiful Mind." The movie is nominated for five Academy Awards.

Actress Julia Roberts wins her eighth People's Choice Award for favorite motion picture actress.

Hit movie "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" breaks box office records.

ABC's "My Wife and Kids" and Damon Wayans win People's Choice Awards.

NBC's "The Weakest Link" puts a new edge on quiz show standards.

"Shrek" wins an Oscar nomination and the People's Choice Award for Favorite Motion Picture.

Jack Lemmon, an Academy and Emmy Award-winning actor, dies at age 76.

Professional soccer player Ethan Zohn is the $1million dollar winner of Survivor: Africa.

In honor of those involved in the events surrounding September 11, Hollywood actors and musicians combine efforts to produce "America: A Tribute to Heroes." The benefit, which was aired simultaneously and commercial- free by dozens of broadcast and cable networks, raised more than $100 million in donations.

Stars of the No. 1 rated show "Friends" agree to return for a ninth season in 2002-2003. Each cast member received a 33 percent salary increase bringing their wages to $1 million dollars per episode.

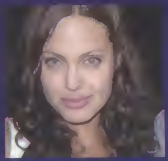
Actress Nicole Kidman wins a Golden Globe award for her musical performance in "Moulin Rouge." Kidman and "Moulin Rouge" were both nominated for Academy Awards.

other NEWS IN ENTERTAINMENT

- Soap star Kelly Ripa replaced Kathy Lee Gifford on "Live with Regis."
- Box office hit "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings" earned 13 Academy Award nominations.
- Actress Winona Ryder was arrested for allegedly shoplifting $5,000 worth of clothing and accessories from Saks Fifth Avenue.
- Actors Kelsey Grammer and Ray Romano tied for favorite male television star at the annual People's Choice Awards.
- The world bids farewell to Academy Award-winning actor Anthony Quinn.
- The 2001 Emmy Awards were postponed twice because of security concerns. The eventual winners were "The West Wing," "Sex and the City," "The Sopranos," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Will and Grace." Other popular shows were "ER," "CSI," "That 70's Show," "Smallville" and "Scrubs."
- Other popular movies were "Rush Hour 2," "Monsters, Inc.," "The Mummy Returns," "Jurassic Park III," "John Q" and " We Were Soldiers."

"Pearl Harbor" heart-throb Josh Hartnett furthers his career with his role in "Black Hawk Down."

Popular television star Carroll O'Connor dies at age 76.



The United Nations names actress Angelina Jolie its goodwill ambassador.

Hit television show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" takes a bold step by producing a musical episode.

MUSIC

Favorite Album, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, is awarded to Destiny's Child for "Survivor" at the American Music Awards. They also won a Grammy for Best R&B Performance by a Duo/Group.

Jennifer Lopez says "I do" to dancer and choreographer Chris Judd just eight months after the announcement of her split from boyfriend of two years, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

Pop superstar Britney Spears makes her debut on the big screen in the movie "Crossroads." She also released her self-titled album, went on tour, performed in her "Live from Las Vegas" HBO special and dated 'N SYNC pop singer Justin Timberlake.

George Harrison, known as "The Quiet Beatle," dies at 58 of cancer. The death of John Lennon in 1980 leaves Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr as the only remaining Beatles.

Nelly wins Favorite Artist, Rap/Hip-Hop, at the American Music Awards.

Michael Jackson is named Artist of the Century at the 2002 American Music Awards.

Alicia Keys wins Favorite New Artist, Soul/Rhythm and Blues, and Favorite New Artist, Pop/Rock 'n Roll, at the American Music Awards. Keys also won five Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Fallin'."

Madonna tours the United States for the first time in eight years. Tickets sold for $250 each.

Linkin Park's "Hybrid Theory" is the best selling album and the song "Crawling" wins a Grammy.

Tim McGraw and wife Faith Hill win Favorite Male and Female Country Music Artist at the American Music Awards.

other NEWS IN MUSIC

- Pop group 'N SYNC took the title Favorite Group/Band/Duo for Pop/Rock 'n Roll at the American Music Awards. In addition, they won a People's Choice Award for Favorite Musical Group.
- Bush's lead singer Gavin Rossdale and No Doubt's Gwen Stefani announced their engagement.
- Christina Aguilera, Mya, Lil' Kim, and Pink won a Grammy for Best Pop Collaboration "Lady Marmalade."
- U2 earned $109.7 million from their U.S. concert tour this year. They won Internet Artist of the Year at the American Music Awards and performed at the Superbowl XXXVI halftime show. They also won four Grammys.
- Garth Brooks received the Award of Merit at the American Music Awards.
- Movie soundtrack "O Brother, Where Art Thou" won five Grammys at the 2002 awards ceremony and was awarded Album of the Year.
- Other musicians who made headlines this year included Nelly Furtado, Outkast, Train, Staind, India.Arie, Lenny Kravitz, Lucinda Williams and Craig David.

Janet Jackson wins Favorite Female, Pop/Rock, at the American Music Awards. She also won two Grammys.

Rising music and movie star Aaliyah dies in an airplane crash. She was 22.

Mariah Carey's first movie "Glitter" and its soundtrack are panned by critics and ignored by fans.

trends & TECHNOLOGY

A new top-of-the-line iMac is introduced by Apple Computer. The redesigned computer has a floating 15-inch LCD flat screen, allowing users one-touch adjustment, a 700 MHz or 800 MHz PowerPC G4 processor, and the SuperDrive for playing and burning CDs and DVDs.

Cell phones in schools are considered a distraction and banned by some administrators.

The Intel Pentium 4 processor is the next evolution in desktop processing technology.

Microsoft's future generation video game system X-Box delivers the most powerful game experiences ever.

Handspring, Inc. introduces a handheld computer with a built-in cell phone.

Dusters, as worn here by actress Evan Rachel Wood, are a new trend in stores everywhere.

Reggae/pop superstar Shaggy wears his colored sunglasses, a hot trend for the year.

There is a different attitude in American culture this year for Halloween. A shift to the "hero concept" make firemen and policemen costumes the most popular choices among children.

After September 11, Americans unite and show their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue.

other NEWS

IN TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

- **Hewlett Packard and University of California scientists patented a process that will eventually develop a computer chip small enough to fit on the head of a pin.**
- **SONICblue unveiled its first hard drive-based portable music player, The Rio Riot, which holds up to 5,000 songs or 400 CDs worth of digital music.**
- **Glitter, sparkle and shimmer were found in makeup, nail polish, body lotion, hair gel and on clothing. Corduroy pants, studded belts, hoodies, vintage and unique cut jeans were also popular.**
- **A travel-size camera from Intel was designed to shoot Internet-ready photos and videos for easy upload.**
- **An electric toothbrush was a necessity when it came to serious dental hygiene.**
- **DVD players gained popularity and threatened to replace VCRs.**
- **From the court to the classroom, Adidas All Day All Night sneakers were the "cool kicks" for the year.**
- **Cell phone cases were a hot item to coordinate with an outfit.**

Claudia Schiffer shows off some hot trends: low-rise jeans, fat belts and tops with some sparkle.

Body and skin jewelry continue to be a "cool thing to do."

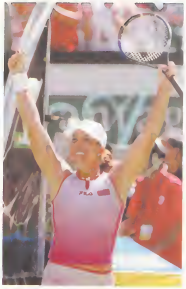
Flip-flops make a comeback. They were available in an assortment of funky colors and styles.

Boots that rise to the knee are in stores everywhere.

SPORTS

"His Airness" returns to the court after three years in retirement. Michael Jordan, 39, faced perhaps his toughest challenge in leading the Washington Wizards to the 2002 playoffs.

Barry Bonds sets a new Major League record for most home runs in a single season with 73.



Jennifer Capriati wins the French Open in 2001, then wins a second straight Australian Open in 2002.

The New England Patriots claim their first Super Bowl title with a win over the St. Louis Rams. A dramatic fourth-quarter field goal gave the Patriots a 20-17 victory.

During a game following the Sept. 11 tragedy, the football team at John R. Rogers High School in Spokane, Wash., proudly carries the American flag onto the field. This photo appeared in several major newspapers and was featured in Sports Illustrated.

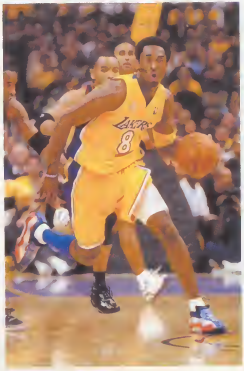
Tiger Woods wins a fourth consecutive major, The Masters.

Venus Williams repeats as Wimbledon and U.S. Open Champion. In the U.S. Open finals, Venus defeated her sister Serena.

American cyclist Lance Armstrong claims his third consecutive Tour De France title in July.

With six victories and nearly $7 million in earnings, Jeff Gordon claims another Winston Cup Championship for the 2001 NASCAR season.

Lennox Lewis regains his World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles from Hasim Rahman in Las Vegas, in November.



L.A. Laker Kobe Bryant earns MVP honors at the NBA All-Star Game, leading the West All-Stars over the East, 135-120.

The Arizona Diamondbacks win their first World Series crown, defeating the New York Yankees, champions in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. returns to Daytona in July to win an emotional Pepsi 400. Just five months earlier, a crash during the Daytona 500 took the life of his legendary father, Dale Earnhardt, Sr.

The Colorado Avalanche win the 2001 Stanley Cup, defeating the New Jersey Devils.

American snowboarding sensation Kelly Clark takes the United States' first gold medal in the Women's Half-Pipe Snowboarding competition at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Americans Ross Powers (gold), Danny Krass (silver), and Jarret Thomas (bronze) sweep the medals in Men's Half-Pipe Snowboarding at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Anton Sikharulidze and Elena Berezhnaya of Russia and David Pelletier and Jamie Sale of Canada receive gold medals in Pairs Figure Skating. Initially given the silver medal, the Canadians were awarded gold after misconduct by a French judge was discovered.

other NEWS IN SPORTS

- **American Chris Witty took the gold in world record time in the Women's 1000-meter Speed Skating competition at the Winter Olympics.**
- **The United States earned 34 medals in the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, the most ever by the United States in the winter games.**
- **Third generation American Olympian Jim Shea captured the gold in the Men's Skeleton competition.**
- **The Miami Hurricanes won the Rose Bowl and their fifth NCAA Division I Football Championship with a decisive 37-14 victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The Hurricanes' baseball team also won the College World Series 12-1 over Stanford in the final game.**
- **Pitcher Danny Almonte dominated Little League Baseball with an untouchable slider and grueling fastball. It was discovered at season's end that Almonte was 14 years old, two years over the league age limit.**
- **PGA star David Duval took home his first career major title, the 2001 British Open, in July.**

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The U.S. two-woman bobsled team of Vonetta Flowers and Jill Bakken win the gold medal.

Sixteen-year-old American Sarah Hughes shocks the world, winning the gold in Women's Figure Skating.

Casey Fitzrandolph takes the gold in the Men's 500-meter Speed Skating event.

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